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As we rejoice in the miracle of Christmas, let us give thanks for the message of love, faith and hope that was discovered in a manger so long ago. May a feeling of peace stay with you throughout the year, and may you and yours revel in a joyous holiday season.

NEWS

IN THE COURTS

Driver jailed following repeat conviction

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A 10th drunk driving conviction has landed a 50-year-old Olds man in jail.

The man pleaded guilty Nov. 15 to a charge of driving with a blood alcohol level greater than 80 mg per cent. He was sentenced in Didsbury provincial court on Monday.

The man was spotted by police as he drove in Olds on March 30, court heard.

Police were on the lookout for him after a citizen phoned in a complaint.

As the patrolling RCMP officer watched, the accused drove through a stop sign and cut off a pickup before being stopped. His blood alcohol level was 160 per cent.

On Monday, Judge Frank Maloney said the man - who served six months in jail for a 1986 drunk driving conviction and one year for the same offence in 1987 - deserved jail once again.

"Your record cries out for jail," said Maloney. "You're a menace on the highway. It's clear from the record that you don't even care."

Judge Maloney sentenced Larry Donald Leonard, 50, to 90 days in jail, fined him \$1,150, and prohibited him from driving for two years.

Failing to report leads to fine

A man who decided not to report to probation officials as ordered following an earlier theft conviction has been fined.

Alexis Dennis Jorquera pleaded guilty to a charge of breach of probation.

Judge Maloney fined him

\$500.

Jorquera was scheduled to be tried on a charge of aggravated assault but the Crown withdrew that charge when he agreed to enter into a peace bond.

The accused and a woman got into a physical confrontation on July 19, leading to the original assault charge, court heard.

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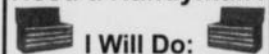


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MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY

Burrell vs. Shea lawsuit dropped

by Carla Victor

Mountain View County's involvement in the Burrell/Shea lawsuit will be terminated and the county's claim to any public money spent to this point will be waived, said Reeve Al Kemmere.

The \$50,000 defamation lawsuit between Division 5's previous councillor Linda Burrell and current councillor Arnie Shea was launched by Burrell through Mountain View County, last year.

Kemmere said council of the day understands the previous council's involvement, but chose not to continue.

"This council did not want to pursue it. We understand the rationale to the start of the lawsuit and the county's involvement to this point, that is why we won't claim back any money spent to date, but we felt council was in conflict having one of our own involved in the lawsuit," said Kemmere. "We decided it would not be fair practice for us to continue."

Kemmere said \$20,883 has been spent, to date, for legal fees relating to this lawsuit.

This decision was made in-camera, Dec. 15, without administration or Councillor Shea present.

When asked if the vote to terminate involvement was unanimous amongst the six councillors present, Kemmere would only say it was a "council vote and that is all I will say on that one."

MVC legal counsel, previously representing Burrell, will no longer be able to continue doing so because of the conflict of interest.

"Prior to making this motion county lawyers said they would not continue if the county terminated involvement," said Kemmere. "They felt it would not be fair to (Burrell), the county or Arnie."

Burrell was contacted but chose not to comment, when asked how this decision would affect the outcome of the lawsuit.

Shea also chose not to comment on how this will affect his defence, but did say he supports council's decision.

"I am very much in support of the new council and very proud to be associated with them. They are challenging some inherited problems and doing the best they can under the circum-

stances."

In August, 2003 the previous council voted unanimously to begin legal action, on behalf of Burrell, against Shea.

It was agreed that MVC would assume costs of the legal action, any damages awarded would be first used to pay county legal expenses. Any remaining sums would go to Burrell.

Then Reeve, Ian Harvie, said council was backing their fellow member because these comments would not have been made if Burrell was not on council.

According to a Statement of Claim filed by Burrell in Oct. 2003, Shea published or caused to be published a letter that was defamatory to her.

The claim reads, in part: "The letter was defamatory of the Plaintiff (Burrell) and was intended to, and has, damaged the Plaintiff's character and her professional and personal reputation. The defamatory contents of the letter were false, and were published with malice, and were designed to permanently damage the Plaintiff's character and reputation."

The letter in question was sent to county councillors, MLA Ty Lund, and county administration. According to the Statement of Claim, the letter alleged, in part, that Burrell "was planning a criminal act" and had "blatantly abused her authority as chairperson and Mountain View County representative."

In a Statement of Defence, filed Dec. 18, 2003, Shea admitted writing the letter, but went on to say the words complained of were fair comment made in good faith without malice, upon a matter of public interest, namely a proposed tax levy involving residents of the Molmac Sub Division, where Shea resides, west of Sundre.

The lawsuit seeks \$50,000 in damages and costs of the action on a solicitor/client basis.

Examination for discovery a pre-trial procedure involving the disclosure of documents and other such things, has already been conducted in the case.

A court date has not been set.

~with files from Dan Singleton

DIDSBURY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber may be moving

by Tamara Collins

The Didsbury Chamber of Commerce wants to move into the Train Station in the New Year. At the last Town Council meeting the Chamber made this request to the town.

"We are still working out all the details," said

Penny Lind, Chamber president. "We have been thinking about this for awhile." Lind says this is something the Chamber has always wanted.

"Our logo is the Train Station, it just makes sense for us to be there," said Lind. "The town would like to see us there as bad as we want to go there."

Presently the Train Station is used by different organizations in the community. The Chamber would not hold every meeting at the station, they would still use the 5-0 Club for the bigger meetings.

"We would have a great focus on Main Street," said Lind. "We would fit there nicely."

AAA Cattle update

by Denis Reimer

Mountain View County will participate in the upcoming NRCB hearing regarding the AAA/Lone Pine dispute thanks to a successful bid to council by Committee for Lone Pine chair Murray Marsh, Dec. 16.

Marsh expressed the committee's request "that Council participate in the hearing as fully as possible, including one representative who is well-informed of the issue such as Dave Derksen, the councillor for the division affected and served during the time AAA had initially developed their facility."

Both Derksen and county Reeve Al Kemmere will attend, though there is no date set for the process.

"Let's be sure what we have is accurate and not heresay" Kemmere said before council Dec. 16, prior to the decision.

The hearing is a review by the Board of the NRCB of the Enforcement order issued following the Alberta Court of Appeal decision to quash AAA Cattle Co.'s operating approval.

AAA is still allowed to ship and receive cattle so long as they stay under their limit of 5,621.

But, Marsh maintains the herd is still near 8,500, the amount at AAA when the reduction order was placed.

In order to reduce the 3,000 cattle, Marsh estimates that 45 truckloads should have been exported between Nov. 8 when the court of appeal quashed the document that gave the green light to expansion, and the enforcement order at the end of November.

"We anticipate they're not doing what they're saying they're doing" Marsh alleged.

Simon Cobban of AAA Cattle Co., isn't surprised by the accusation.

They've (Committee for Lone Pine) have been making many, many unsubstantiated accusations for the past three years" Cobban said.

"Everytime we've been investigated in a complaint, we've never been in violation of anything. The only time was when we had manure stockpiled 87m from a water well instead of 100m, so we moved it, problem gone."

Marsh in his address also reviewed key documents for Council, including one that legitimizes the Court ruling and facts of AAA's expansion without permits.

In the document, Mr. Morasch of AAA was asked why he didn't apply for a new permit for the expanded size, as the facility was built and running before engineering requirements

were met.

"We felt that it would be a very complicated fight," Morasch said. "We knew that it would definitely go into appeal and we would be in court for the next two years."

Marsh believes within the NRCB lies a conflict of interest.

Since the initial Lone Pine appeal based on the legislation in 2003 and the hearing which eventually took place this November, the legislation appeal was deleted.

The same lawyer for NRCB is the one who drafted the legislation amendment.

As well, an invoice has been submitted for the penalty to AAA regarding expansion violations, but to date the company has argued the \$1,000 fine for the permit that it hadn't obtained.

To Cobban, the community should stick together to get through the conflict, but it isn't having a positive effect on the area.

"They 'Committee for Lone Pine' talk about community, but what they're doing is creating a division and conflict within the community" Cobban said.

The AAA Cattle Co. feedlot is three quarters of a mile southwest of Lone Pine, 16 km east of Didsbury.

County workshop a success

by Carla Victor

Mountain View County Reeve Al Kemmere said a recent organizational workshop held for the new council was a complete success.

"We got to know each other and had many issues explained and questioned," said Kemmere. "Council was able to vent exactly what they felt without any intimidation."

Kemmere said some of the topics discussed related to legal issues the county was involved in; purchase of the Olds/Didsbury Airport; the administration building, and councillor conduct.

In regards to councillor conduct there was no policy written but rather an agreement by all on how they will treat each other, council and media. "We agreed to respect each other's point of view."

Council agreed they would like to pursue ownership of the Olds/Didsbury Airport. Council will also keep a close eye on the construction of the administration building.

"It was great. We had three meetings this week and they have been really great meetings. Everyone was working for the good of the county," said Kemmere.

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OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Holiday blessings



TAMARA COLLINS
EDITORIAL

Another year has passed us by, and still we sit and wonder why?

Why do I still have that bad habit, why have I still not lost that 10 pounds, why am I still friends with her, why have I not forgiven him, why can't I just follow through on things?

Again the time of year is upon us to make some New Year's resolutions. Wouldn't it feel great at the end of the next year if you could look over your list of resolutions and cross them off, one at a time.

See yourself first hand making things you want to happen. When setting your goals, be realistic. What do you really have time for? Is that something you really want? Are you being true to yourself? Are you asking too much of yourself?

I wish you all the best in making these decisions for yourself.

My quote for you all today is, if you do not have plans to fix your life, life will make plans to fix you!

I wish every one of you a very blessed Christmas and a happy New Year.



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Conservatives introduce standard of living strategy

Pre-budget supplementary report is a "wake-up call" to the government

The Conservative Party of Canada's supplementary report on pre-budget consultations, released today, calls on the government to implement a number of meaningful measures in Budget 2005 that would help sustain and build upon a high quality of life for Canadians.

"Alarm bells have been going off for years while this government sat idle watching the productivity gap - a key indicator of standard of living - between Canada and the United States widen," said Finance Critic Monte Solberg.

"This supplementary report is another wake-up call to the Liberals to stop sleepwalking Canadians toward mediocrity."

Solberg warned that failure to implement a comprehensive standard of living strategy now could result in an inability to adequately fund high-priority social programs in the future.

"We need to fix the roof before it begins to rain. Canada is fast approaching a demographic crunch and will require a larger tax base to adequately fund health care and other high-priority social programs," stated Solberg.

"The government can ensure our most valued programs are protected, and even enhanced, by pulling the right levers that drive high living standards."

In its report, the Conservative Party outlines key components of its standard of living strategy, which are:

- the encouragement of investment in Canada's productive capacity;
- the reduction of corporate, capital and payroll taxes;
- a streamlined regulatory environment;
- a more rapid reduction of the national debt;
- a reduction of federal spending to sustainable levels;
- the encouragement of education and training; and,
- the promotion and stimulation of affordable housing development.

"The government must follow the lead of the Conservative Party and implement a comprehensive standard of living strategy in Budget 2005. Canadians can not afford another round of lost opportunities," said Solberg.

Wonderings of the heart

by Margaret Fradley

"Community"

A very special barbeque was held for volunteers, and as we gathered and enjoyed not only the food but also the time of fellowship, the gentleman sitting next to me began to speak about community, the word community has in it, 'unity', and with it a "U" and "I" - I had never thought it of it quite like that.

We began to share how important these times of 'community' are, and that we should take the time to enjoy, appreciate and take advantage of every opportunity that comes to us. Often when these occasions arise, we rush into and through them, and fail to experience that 'unity' that 'coming together' as we should, these moments are often rare in this day and age, but when they present themselves let us give of our time and energy to take advantage of them.

I came away from that barbeque feeling better and having learned something.



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FROM THE MAILBAG

Marriage ruling no surprise

Dear Editor;

Is anyone really surprised at Thursday's Supreme Court ruling to allow gay and lesbian 'marriage'? A close look at the Supreme Court reveals that virtually every judge has been appointed by the left-leaning Liberal government. This includes the two judges recently appointed by Prime Minister Paul Martin, both of whom are well known for homosexual activism in their decisions. What happens when you stack the Supreme Court with left-leaning judges? You get left-leaning decisions that are not representative of the majority of Canadians. Common sense instead presides with the majority of Canadians who recognize the obvious biological self-evidence that marriage can never really be anything other than between a man and woman, despite re-definition attempts forced on us by a handful of unelected activist judges. I for one do not accept their decision, and I think it's time for electoral reform. I am referring to the type that was promised by the current government during the recent election, but that we haven't yet seen.

Andrew & Jen Harwood

Thank You!

Dear Editor;

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Carstairs, Crossfield, Didsbury and Olds Fire Departments for coming to our rescue the night of Nov. 20, 2004, when our hog barn caught on fire. You came so promptly, put forth such diligent effort on our behalf and contained the fire so well! To our neighbours, the Hildebrands, we appreciate your noticing the fire so quickly, and notifying the fire department in our absence. Blessings to you all!

In appreciation,
Dennis & Katie Harder

Upset with Myron Thompson

Dear Editor,

Throughout the whole mad cow crisis, Myron Thompson has consistently stated that not enough was being done to get the border open again. Yet when he met face to face with George Bush recently, he apparently did not raise the issue.

Instead, he used the occasion to be George Bush's "kind of guy", a guy who would militarize just about everything.

At this time of year we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, who in his short life taught a great deal about loving enemies, clothing the naked, feeding the hungry, providing shelter for the homeless and release

for the oppressed. War does the exact opposite of all these - it oppresses people, it destroys their homes, it destroys their sources of food and clothing and it fuels enmity among peoples and nations.

I believe it was Abraham Lincoln who said that the most powerful way he knew to destroy enemies was to make them his friends. Even in the American presidency, there have been other approaches to dealing with conflict.

Why is this so hard to comprehend and practice?

Respectfully,
Ron Brown

Errors in past letter about President Bush

Dear Editor;

In regards to Ron Brown's letter to the editor in which he attacks President Bush for his actions in Iraq, he makes several errors. Interestingly enough, he claims that war oppresses people. Tell that to the millions of people freed from the clutches of Nazi Germany, tell that to our soldiers who laid down their lives in the cause of freedom, and now try telling that to the people of Iraq. I doubt very

many would tell you they are more oppressed now than they were under Saddam Hussein, a man who used gas against his own people, invaded neighboring countries, permitted the torture and rape of a great number of his citizens, and was a danger to all of humanity. If this is the type of man that Mr. Brown wants to have as his friend, I ask what does this say about Mr. Brown?


George C. Quinn
Carstairs

Influenza Vaccination Clinics Drop-in Schedule

The Calgary Health Region will offer influenza vaccination at the Didsbury Health Centre every Thursday from Nov. 4 - Dec. 30 (except Nov. 11). Times are 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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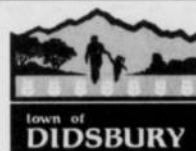
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FROM THE MAILBAG

Concerns with AAA Feedlot

Dear Editor:

In response to 'deep concerns and support for AAA Feedlot', I wish to express my concerns against this non-compliant "custom" feedlot operation in our agricultural community.

We are not against 2,500 head feedlots in our area. As a condition of the Agricultural Operations Practice Act, AAA originally contacted some neighbors about their 2,500 head (eventually maybe 5,000 head, not 'animal units') family based feedlot situated within 912 metres of two residences (misled and misinformed).

Being a "Directly Affected Party", 3/4 of a mile west of AAA

Feedlot, we were never contacted. We were and will continue to be an agricultural based community without this huge factory feedlot situated in the middle of our community, especially when rules are not being followed. Maybe some people are not aware of all the facts that adversely affect "Directly Affected Parties". We have every right to protect our property and resources.

Upon doing a chemical analysis of our water supply in January 2003, and again in November 2004, our nitrate level went up 4.2 mg from 3.9 to 8.1 with the drinking water guideline being 10. In talking with a health inspector from the University of

Calgary Centre for Toxicology, he advised that any time nitrate level increases, it is an indication that the water supply is impacted by agricultural activity, such as sewage run off, fertilizer application, etc. Why wouldn't we be concerned? We will continue to monitor that.

The Court appeal decision recognizes that out of 250 feeding applications in the province, this is the only one under appeal! Why wouldn't our actions to protect our properties and environment be justified locally?

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Murray Marsh for taking on the role, and more importantly the challenges, of chairperson for our committee. This role has created countless demands and personal sacrifices, which Murray and his family have risen to. We know our quest for justice is not over, and recognize future actions will be necessary and will continue until all avenues within the law are exhausted, and all minimum regulations and guidelines are met.

Peter & Doreen Sawatzky.

Notes from Nigeria

Dear family and friends,

With a loud cheer the students hurried out of the chapel. After a week of exams, parties and special programs, school was out for the Christmas break. As Mr. Seinen told us in closing chapel, we have 25 days before school starts again - or at least for the students. Teachers still have grades to finish and we have to return for meetings and get ready for the next semester before the students actually come back. But still, we will have a couple of weeks of break.

I plan to work most of the break. With fewer interruptions, I can get a lot of work done. We want to start checking books out on-line and I have several things that need to be done before we can start that. We won't have all the books entered into the computer but I want to start learning and working the bugs out of the system.

Wednesday the Chaplain's committee gave away over 600,000 naira (over \$4000 U.S.). We do this every semester but it is always an enjoyable job. Sixty percent of the offering collected on Sunday mornings is used to support local (Nigerian) ministry projects. The other forty percent is used for expenses that are a part of the chapel program such as Sunday School materials and supplies, purchasing

hymnals, upgrading the sound system etc. At the end of each semester members of the congregation are asked to submit applications for chapel funds. Various community ministries request funds for specific ministry projects. There are certain guidelines that we have to follow, like no salaries, no school fees, it should be a special project that needs one-time funding. Some of the things we have done are: buy Bibles for an outreach project, help pay for printing and testing of Bible translations or other literacy ministries, buy bicycles for evangelists in remote areas so they can visit their churches and provide mattresses for an orphanage for children whose parents have died of AIDS.

This semester again there were several printing projects that we were able to help, printing and translating parts of the Bible into several languages as well as printing anti-abortion pamphlets and devotional materials. Though we generally do not fund new buildings or maintenance of buildings, when there are emergencies we make an exception. One of the ministries that some of our students have helped with had a fire in their electrical system so we were able to give them chapel funds to cover the majority of the repairs.

Merry Christmas,
Janet and Dan Snyder

Letters are welcome

Your comment on content or issues of interest to members of our community are welcome. All letters must be signed, (signature to be printed), include a phone number and address. All letters may be edited for brevity, clarity and libel.

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The Palliative Care Committee would like to thank all those who purchased a bulb and helped us to light up our Tree of Hope. Your generosity helped us to raise over \$2,955.00.

The committee would also like to thank the Rosebud Health Foundation, Didsbury Review, AG Foods, Victoria Flowers, Didsbury Drugs, Wards Value Drug Mart, The Olds Albertan, Home Hardware, and Didsbury Dollar Store, for their support and assistance in our campaign.

Didsbury Pioneer

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Jan. 11, 1938

Farewell Party Given Miss Enith Hunsperger

A farewell party was given in honor of Miss Enith Hunsperger last Friday evening before her leaving to take up her new stenographer position at Edmonton.

Around 70 invited guests attended and presented her with a camera and many beautiful handkerchiefs. The evening was spent playing games out and indoors, after which a delectable lunch, including ice cream, was served. Miss Hunsperger will be greatly missed by friends and neighbors in the town and district. We are wishing her every success in her new venture.

Rosebud Flour Mill Works Day and Night

The Rosebud Flour Mill is enjoying unusual prosperity this fall. The mill has been in operation day and night for the last three weeks, and at that is barely able to meet the demands that are being made on it.

Farmers are bringing in their wheat from all over the district, some coming a distance of fifty and sixty miles away.

The line-up of teams and trucks at the mill is a sight that has not been seen here for many years, and it is not unusual to meet a man in the line-up, either from Cochrane in the west to Innisfail in the north, Airdrie to the south and Allingham to the east.

The low price of grain has made the farmers realize the advantage of having their wheat milled into flour and



Eckstrand, Red Threshing Machine farming in 1930.

other products, many of them stocking up for a long period.

Besides flour, the mill is making a speciality of pancake flour, having a good local bulk demand, and enjoying a large package trade. This pancake flour is being sold in all the stores in Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, and Vancouver, as well as in all the smaller towns throughout the four western provinces.

Nov. 8, 1934 Curling Club's 25th Birthday

Twenty-five years ago today, November 8, the Didsbury Curling Club was organized, with

Mr. W. G. Liesemer, president; G. M. Gaddes, vice-president; H. E. Osmond, secretary, and Mr. Cuncannon, treasurer. The fee was set at \$5.00.

According to the "Pioneer" of that date they did not have a rink, but Mr. J. R. Good had commenced the erection of an open-air skating rink, with curling sheets to be placed on each side, which were to be covered in, while the whole was to be lighted with several large gasoline lights.

On December 13 the skips were appointed, among whom were W. G. Liesemer and A. G. Studer, and we notice that at the time of election it was provided

that the skips could be changed if thought advisable.

Messrs. J. V. Bershet, H. M. Reiber and Norman Clarke, who are still going strong, were among the first members.

May 24, 1934
"Stop" Streets will be Established in Didsbury
Legislation enacted at the last session of the provincial legislature empowered the towns and villages to stop streets within the municipal areas, and in view of the fact that the Calgary-Edmonton highway goes through the town the secretary was instructed at the meeting of

the council held Monday evening to draft a by-law establishing the "stop" streets in town, to be presented at the next meeting.

The question of reckless driving through the town was also discussed and it was decided to ask the Mounted Police to make a check-up.

Adjutant Waterston of the Salvation Army, and Major Watts of the Alberta Institute for the Blind, appeared before the council asking for grants in aid of their institutions.



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May 16, 1935

Local & General

Mrs. Ranton is visiting relatives and friends at Edmonton this week.

Mrs. Brusso is visiting friends in Calgary this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gostick of Calgary will address a mass meeting on Social Credit in the Opera House next Monday evening, May 27.

The Congoleum Rug contest which was held at the Builders' Hardware was won by Miss Jane H. Caldwell of Sundre.

George Hawkes, who graduates from the University of Alberta this year, has been awarded the degree of bachelor of Science.

Florence McNeil, who has been in the Hospital for the past two weeks, was able to return

to her home on Monday.

Dr. Clarke left for Edmonton on Sunday where he will spend the week taking a "refresher course" at the University.

SALE OF SHOES—Reg. \$3.95 Shoes at \$2.95, and Reg. \$2.95 at \$1.95. Also One Third Off All Children's Shoes.—Mrs. WILSON, Main Street.

There was a big movement of wheat from Didsbury when 13 cars containing 26,000 bushels were shipped to Fort William.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Hawkes motored to Edmonton on Wednesday to attend the convocation of the University of Alberta from

which their son George is graduating.

Piano Tuning De Luxe—Messrs Gavin Spence and W. H. Norton, who had to stop working Didsbury district on account of rain, will return next week to finish up. Leave orders at Pioneer Office.

July 5, 1934

Didsbury Postmaster Dominion President W. H. T. Morgan, postmaster at Didsbury, was elected president of the Canadian Postmasters' Association at the annual convention held at Windsor, Ont. last week.

No further annual conventions will be held.

Mr. Morgan told the Herald yesterday morning, election of officers hereafter being carried out by the Dominion executives, who will meet after the annual provincial sessions for that purpose.

Jan. 16, 1936

Special Didsbury Broadcast

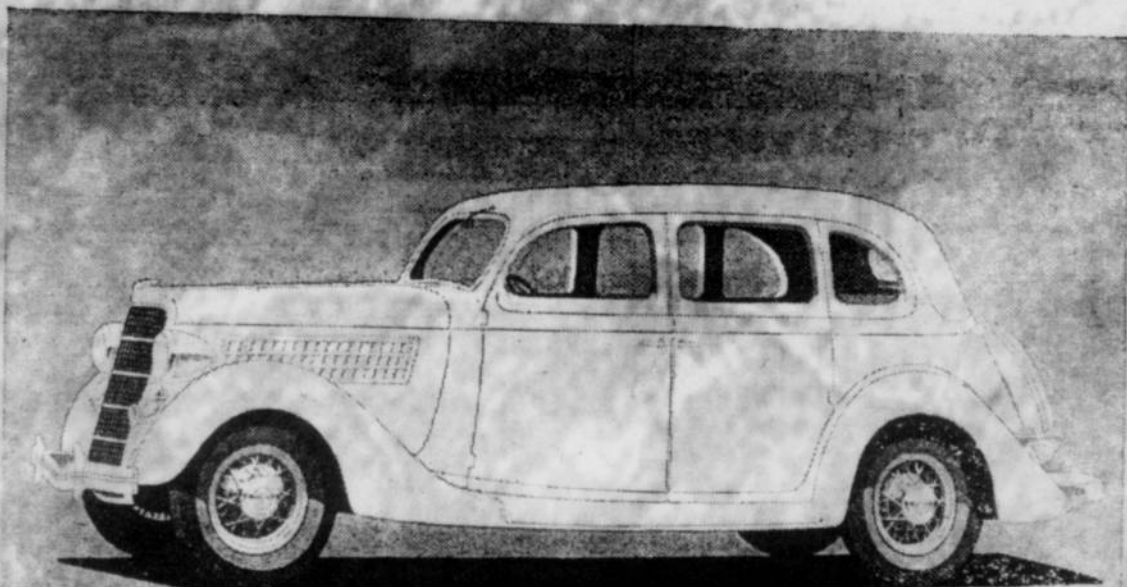
Here is a date for Didsbury and District to remember—Friday, January 24th—tune to Calgary Station C.J.C.J. and listen to the special Didsbury program. One complete hour commencing at 11:45 noon. Your home town will entertain you. Remember the date and listen to 690 on your radio dial.

Xmas Entertainments.

The rural schools are all preparing for their annual Christmas Trees and entertainments, and following is a list of the various dates:

Clovermount, December 21	
Melvin	22
Westcott	22
Rugby	23
Inverness	23
Zella	23
Burnside	22
Grand Centre	23
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Jollard	23
Rosebud	23
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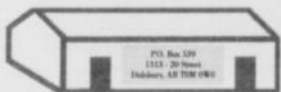


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by Tamara Collins

Ross Ford cook books make great presents



Judi Newsome

If you are looking for that last minute Christmas gift for someone in your life the Ross Ford School Cookbook may be the answer.

Ross Ford's Spirit Group, made up of one to two representatives from each class and parents, just completed their two year cookbook project.

The book is 200 pages, cerlox bound with approximately 350 recipes from students, parents and teachers.

These cookbooks are for sale for only \$12 each, and available at Ribbons and Bow, Carousel Cottage, Didsbury Drugs, and Ward Value throughout the holiday season.

Judi Newsome edited and spell checked the books.

"This is a great project because it encompasses the whole school," said Newsome.

"Everything over and above the cost of them will go towards the new playground equipment."

Other activities the Spirit

Group has done are a quilt, Dress your teacher like a Christmas tree, Easter Egg (rock) Hunt, Crazy Hat Day, Cookie Decorating, Backwards Day, Chocolate Gifts, Gum Chewing Day and Valentine Happy notes.

After the holidays the cook books will be available at the school.

Museum volunteers

Joyce and John Gerbrandt are both from Olds, but that does not stop them from driving to the Didsbury Museum a couple times a week to volunteer.

The couple has been volunteering there together for the past six months and have managed to put in about 80 hours each.

"We are usually here once or twice a week," said Joyce. "We also take stuff home to work on."

The pair first started volunteering at the Museum when Joyce came to research John's

family history, and they saw the museum was in need of volunteers. John's family lived around here many years ago.

The tasks the Gerbrandts take on at the museum are inventory, index cards, and John is taking photos of the artifacts in the museum.

"We will be volunteering here for awhile," said John. "There are lots of pictures to be taken."

In the museum there are about 10,000 artifacts and so far a third of them have been photographed.

Joyce started her own family tree in 1999, and for that the couple has travelled all around Canada taking pictures of mostly graves.

"I have over 30,000 names on my family tree," said Joyce. "My tree dates back to 1350. I am now going forward and filling out all the branches. I have met lots of cousins I didn't know I had."

It all started for Joyce when she could not find her great grandmother's grave.

"I drive and take the pictures," said John.

John discovered his great grandparents were buried in the Berththal Mennonite Cemetery. John also discovered he is related to the Reimers, Redcops, Brauns, and Sandermans from around here.

"We are very grateful to have them here," said Glenda Hunsberger, Didsbury Museum.

The couple recently retired, so enjoy getting out and helping.

"We really enjoy coming here," said John. "The museum is definitely in the need of more volunteers than us."



Joyce and John Gerbrandt

And the winners are....



Penny Lind

The Didsbury Chamber of Commerce once again spent a night out judging all the beautiful Christmas lights in and around the town.

Some must sees... Rod Lucas's place five miles east of the Didsbury overpass, then three miles north and two miles east. This house is lit up nightly from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The other must sees are the Meyer and Lynn houses, go through the coops down to the

Westcott Road, one mile west to Range Road 2.1, and the houses are on the left a half a mile down.

"These houses are all worth seeing," said Penny Lind, Chamber president. "They all look very beautiful."

The rural winner this year is the Jacobsen house at 15 Rosebud Estates. There were three out of town entrees in total.

The two in town awards were the Big House and the Little House, the Big House winner

was 8 Westwood Dr. and the Little House winner was 2105 20th Ave., Grant Muller's house.

An honorable mention also goes out to 15A St. were all the houses were beautifully decorated.

"I would also like to mention the Campus Green Apartments, Windsor Castle and the Gold Eagle Farms on RR 28.3," said Lind. "They are all worth checking out."

Lind also wanted to acknowl-

edge these other houses, 1316 22nd Ave., 142 22nd Ave., 1919 14th St., 1501 Walter Pl., 1506 Walter Pl., 1206 18th St. and 2034 20th Ave.

"There were so many lights out this year, I think the mild weather gave people more of a chance to decorate their homes," said Lind. "Even just a string of lights is good. I want to commend everyone who got involved this year, the town looks very festive."



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AROUND THE CIRCLE

Don't miss this year's live nativity

by Marge St. Clair

Tues. Dec. 21, Wed. Dec. 22, Thurs. Dec. 23

Tonight, the Live Nativity will start at 7:30 p.m. at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, bleacher seating to be followed by hot chocolate and cookies in the gym.

Wed. Dec. 22

This is the closing date for entries into the Didsbury Farmers Bonspiel. Team to consist of 3 farmers, men, women or mixed and 1 business person to be drawn. Phone Neil Youngs 335-4496 to enter.

Sat. Dec. 25

Please do not stay home alone Christmas Day. There is a special dinner at the Elks Hall at 1:00 p.m. prepared by loving hands to welcome people who live alone or whose family is widespread and cannot make it home. Please bring a gift (wrapped) for the gift exchange. Sing carols, enjoy the friendships you make with new people.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas

Tues. Dec. 28

The Mountain View Colts are having an Alumni Hockey game at 7:00 p.m. at the Didsbury Arena. Admission is a donation to the Food Bank and the 50/50 proceeds will go to Minor Hockey. What a great evening this will be to see all the former members of the Colts. If you need more info, contact Trent van Dam at 710-1478.

Fri. Dec. 31

Mountain View Community Hall will welcome you to their New Year's Eve celebration with cocktails at 6:00 p.m., supper at 7:00 p.m. with the dance to follow. Party favors & lunch at midnight. Please phone Lori 335-4485 or Mike 335-8406 for tickets.

Fri. Dec. 31

The doors will open at 8:00 p.m. at the Lone Pine Hall and the dance to the music of the Dean Ray Band will start at 9:00 p.m. Late night buffet. Tickets by phoning 335-4035 or 337-2223.

Fri. Dec. 31

The Didsbury Elks have planned a New Year's Eve Gala at the Elks Hall, doors open at 8:00 p.m. D. J. music, midnight lunch, drive home service. Tickets at Elks Lounge and Wards Value Drug Mart, phone 335-9213 or 335-8814.

Fri. Dec. 31

The Didsbury Curling Club will have a New Year's Eve Party for members and guests only. Cocktails at 7:30 p.m., dance 8:30 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. D.J. music and

party favors. Tickets from the Executive & League Reps. Limited seating, so get your tickets early.

I will take a few lines to sincerely thank all of my helpers who contribute news to put my column together, without your help I wouldn't have much to write about. To Gene and all the staff at the Didsbury Review, it is a real pleasure to talk to you all every week and a Happy New Year to all.

To start off the year 2005

Jan. 3 - 8

The 11th Annual Didsbury Farm & Ranch Spiel will be on all week. 4 Events, draws start at 10:00 a.m. each day and the last draw is at 8:00 p.m. When the curling is over, a banquet and dance with the presentation of prizes is held in the Multi Purpose room at the Complex.

Sat. Jan. 8

The Didsbury Colts will host Three Hills at the Didsbury Arena at 8:00 p.m. Your support will be appreciated.

Jan. 10 - 14

The Didsbury Seniors Annual Bonspiel is on all this week, daytime curling only. Banquet on Tues., great curling to watch.

Mon. Jan. 10

The Didsbury Ag Society will hold the annual general meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Didsbury Curling Club. Membership renewal, election of officers, year end financial report, Committee reviews, etc. etc.

Tues. Jan. 11

The Mountain View Christian Women's Club will have the monthly breakfast from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Redeemer Lutheran Church gym. "New Year - New Hope". Special Feature - Glass Etching. Special Music - Jessica Wiens - Violin. Special Speaker - Naomi Pearson - Rocky Rapids. Please phone Deb 337-2487 or Margie 335-3765 for a reservation and please remember to honour your reservation, give it to a friend or cancel. Free baby sitting is supplied by the Women's Club.

Starting in January, the Didsbury Walking Group will go to Westglen School at 6:30 p.m. This is the place for you to increase your activity level. Please phone Cindy 335-9437 for more info.

Thurs. Jan. 13

All seniors are welcome to Eldon Foote Hall from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. This is the Birthday celebrations so you will have Birthday cake, songs & games etc.

Didsbury Ag Society Dec. Notes

by Connie & Marge

1. 50/50 tickets sales have been very brisk. There will be another one in Jan. to be drawn on Feb. 14th.

2. The Building Committee were thanked & congratulated for all their hard work and the hours they

have spent determining the best action plan to proceed with the overall development of the grounds.

3. The Christmas Farmers Market was a huge success.

4. The Bull Riding comm. will meet to determine a chairman and date for the

event. Allan advised of the P.C.B. standards that have changed that we will need to comply with.

5. No report from the Bench Fair or Light Horse

6. The Annual general meeting was set for Mon. Jan. 10/05 at the Curling Rink at 7:30 p.m.

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CALGARY HEALTH REGION CHR warns people of Christmas poisons

by Tamara Collins

The holiday season can be particularly busy with visits from family and friends, increasing the risk of you or a loved one ingesting poison.

"Learned poison-proofing habits should not be forgotten despite the pace of the holiday season," said Dr. Ingrid Vicas, director of the Alberta Poison Centre. "Poison proofing your home to protect small children is a 365-days-a-year activity."

The Calgary Health Region (CHR) has some advice to help you and your family get through the holidays healthily. A small child's search for a special treat in grandma's purse or luggage can result in a child finding and eating toxic medications.

"This is a bigger problem than people may think," said Vicas. "In fact, the Centre's largest call volume comes from serious childhood poisoning during the holidays."

Parents can prevent trouble by offering to store visitors' medications well out of the reach of children.

Alcoholic beverages are another holiday hazard that should be kept away from children. Many mixed drinks and punches are appealing to children, particularly if they're mixed with pop or made with fruit punch. Children should not be left unattended, and all leftover drinks should be discarded at the end of the evening to protect early rising children. Consumption of even small amounts of alcohol can result in effects ranging from giddiness to convulsions and coma.

Perfumes and colognes, common Christmas gifts, also contain a high percentage of alcohol and can be dangerous for children who drink them. Alcohol affects children very quickly. If a child has swallowed any alcohol or alcohol derivative, contact the Alberta Poison Centre immediately.

When one thinks of the holiday season, visions of Christmas-type plants arise. Holly and mistletoe have occasionally caused vomiting and diarrhea when as few as two or three berries have been eaten.

"The much maligned poinsettia has caused no more than skin irritation in some people through contact with the milky sap," said Dr. Vicas.

"Rumors of poisonous poinsettias have been greatly exaggerated. It would probably take several hundred leaves to be ingested before a child feels any ill-effects."

Holiday decorations also pose a hazard to children. They are often irresistible to toddlers particularly, and small or easily broken ornaments can present a lot of problem if a child puts them in their mouth and swallows them. The best advice for these situations is to put the breakable ornaments and/or decorations up high so that a child can't reach them. In addition, keep smaller toys away from a child because they too can cause a toddler to choke.

Any object swallowed by a child is a potential medical problem. Button batteries (used in watches or small hand-held electronic games), for example, can become lodged in a child's throat or stuck in their stomach. Always check with the Alberta Poison Centre or a family physician when a child has swallowed something that can be potentially harmful. Objects that have blocked air passages are considered medical emergencies, and an ambulance or 9-1-1 should be contacted immediately.

The Alberta Poison Centre offers a 24 hour a day, 365 day a year service to citizens across the entire province. When you contact the Poison Centre, experts not only provide immediate advice on the treatment of poisonings, but will offer suggestions on how to prevent poisonings.

"It is so important for everyone in the province to know that these services exist, free of charge," said Vicas. "It can make a difference between life and death."

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On behalf of all the members of our association thank you very much.



Straight From the Table

Council met on December 16th to work through a packed agenda. Here's a few of the highlights.

Council Supports Search and Rescue: Council approved a contribution of \$2500 to each of the three Search and Rescue organizations in Didsbury, Sundre and Olds to support insurance costs for each program.

Cost of Living Salary Adjustment: Council passed a motion providing a 1.5% salary and wage adjustment for County staff and Council to reflect the change in Alberta's Consumer Price Index over the last 12 months. The increase is effective January 1st 2005.

Acme Road West: Council passed a motion to apply to the Prairie Grain Roads Program for funding to initiate upgrades to Acme Road west of Highway 2. The work will include a pavement overlay and side slope improvement. Cost is estimated at \$1 million. With the grant in place, the County's portion will be \$330,000.

Council Approves 2005 F.C.S.S. Grants: Council approved funding for 17 organizations offering preventative services to strengthen local communities and families. Total funding requested was \$213,858 of which the Province of Alberta covers 80%. The approved County portion of 20% totals \$42,772.

County to Pursue Olds/Didsbury Airport Purchase: Council instructed the Airport Committee to pursue purchase of the Olds/Didsbury Airport from the Hanger owners. Council's resolution stipulates achieving a satisfactory agreement between all parties which includes satisfying a number of County conditions.

Update to Council by the Committee for Lone Pine: Representing the Committee for Lone Pine, Mr. Murray Marsh gave Council an update on the status of an upcoming NRCB Board Review Hearing regarding the AAA Cattle Company. Representatives from the County's Planning Department will be attending the Hearing to present information. Representatives from Council will attend as observers.

Administration Building Proceeding on Schedule: Steel delivery has now been made and the building can proceed to be enclosed. The project is on track with no deviations from the budget to date.

For more information on the Council meeting, please call the County office at 335-3311. The County office will close at noon on December 24th and will be closed on December 27th, 28th and January 3rd.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from Mountain View County Council!



NEIGHBORHOOD



photo by Tamara Collins

Jail or Bail

On Friday afternoon Jarvis Nicoll and Craig Shand presented Sgt. Tonn of the Didsbury RCMP with a cheque for STARS for \$1400. The two men who work at Parkland Agriculture Services raised the money by reaching their top sales goals in the contest Jail or Bail, and they chose to donate the money to STARS.



photo by Tamara Collins

And the winner is...

Connie Conley of the Didsbury Ag Society announces the winner of the Thunder on the Prairies 50/50 draw, Jacque Chernow. Chernow has won \$970 and the Ag Society has raised \$970, before expenses, for Thunder on the Prairies.

Didsbury O.O.R.P. News

by Lady Helen Newton

Nov. 10th

The meeting was called to order by H.R.L. Mary Spraggs with formal seating of officers and opening ceremonies.

Prov. Pres. Sharen McLean was escorted to central station and given a cordial welcome. H.R.L. Mary Spraggs presented her with a corsage from the Lodge. Other visitors were P.D.D. Barbra Campbell from Staveley #99 and Georgina Eichler from Didsbury, a special friend of Lady Jessie Newman. We draped the charter in memory of our departed sister Lady Jesse Newman. A Memorial Service was held for all our departed sisters.

Lady Sharon Wadel was installed as Lecturing Lady, congratulations to Lady Wadel for taking this office in our Lodge.

PP Sharen McLean gave a very interesting talk and thanked the Lodge for giving her this opportunity to visit with us and acknowledge her Provincial officers in attendance, 1st Vice Pres. Lady Marjorie Dowell and Provincial Conductress Lady Kelly Larson.

Birthday Ladies were Ladies Margaret Malloch, Tammy Beale and Sharon Wadel. The Lodge closed at 10:30 p.m. A lovely lunch was served and fellowship enjoyed by all.

Dec. 3

At the installation of Elks officers, the Drill Team escorted the incoming officers to their stations, H.R.L. Mary Spraggs presented the Brother Elks with their 37th birthday cake. The Ladies served lunch after the Installation.

Dec. 8

H.R.L. Mary Spraggs opened the meeting in short

form with 22 ladies in attendance, 7 ladies were visitors. We all wore party clothes for this Christmas meeting. The Lodge donated a cheque to Linda Sirt for the Christmas Helpers. January 12/05 will be our membership night, please bring a friend.

Lady Ellen Tevendale won the door prize, Ladies

Susan Davies and Betty Casebeer won the raffles. Lady Kay Rylance participated in the Birthday March. The meeting closed at 10:00 p.m. and Santa came to visit us. We had some fun with the Christmas gifts.

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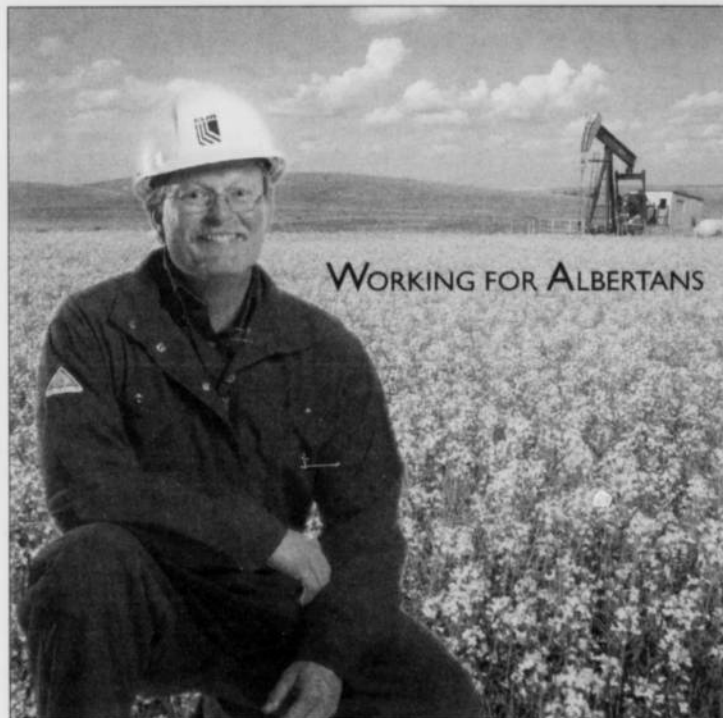


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Oct. 3, 1935

Didsbury Creamery Wins Many Awards

The Crystal Dairy have done their share this year in putting Didsbury to the front from one end of Canada to the other. They have had butter exhibits in all the principal fairs throughout the Dominion and have been successful in getting into the prize money in every place they have exhibited, and their winnings to date are as follows:

Brandon Prize	1st
Calgary prize	2nd
Edmonton prize	1st
Saskatoon prize	3rd
Regina prize	2nd
Vancouver and 1 3rd	2 2nd
Toronto Natn'l. and 1 3rd	2 2nd
Ottawa prize	2nd
London and 1 2nd	2 1st

They have still a number of samples that will be exhibited at winter conventions and

fairs.

In entering these exhibitions the local creamery is competing against the best butter manufacturers in the whole Dominion, and the showing made is not only a great compliment to the butter makers, but also to the dairymen of the district for the quality of the cream they are producing.

Sept. 7, 1935

Town Council

A meeting of the town council was held Monday evening. Mayor Chambers was in the chair and all councillors were present.

A letter was read from the provincial government in respect to unemployment relief, which stated that a relief dividend of \$5.00 per month would be paid from dominion and provincial funds, provided that the town pay \$2.50 per month. Any additional relief required would be paid half each by the town and government.

A motion was passed adopting the government relief plan, and that the relief be paid by relief orders. Three new cases of unemployment relief were

dealt with. Those receiving relief will be required to work out the town's portion.

A grant of \$100 was made to the local branch of the Red Cross Society.

It was decided that the town again operate the skating rink during the winter and that arrangements be made with Rinks Ltd. Councillors Reiber and Pitt were appointed a committee to have charge, and Mr. Harry Gabel was appointed caretaker. The price of

season tickets and admission to the rink will be the same as last year. Free skating for schoolchildren will again be provided, the days and hours to be arranged later.

E. Ford, fire chief, met with the council and discussed the fire equipment. He made

several recommendations, including a more efficient alarm system. Councillors Budgeon and Fleury were appointed a committee to look into the matter. Mr. Ford was asked to appoint two members to the fire brigade to replace two who have left town.

Tax Rate Set At 32 Mills

At the meeting of the Town Council held Monday evening the estimates for expenditures during the year were considered, and the tax rate set for the current year.

The following estimates were approved:

Municipal Estimates	
Salaries.....	\$1,350.00
Printing, postal, stationery.....	250.00
Police Department....	1,200.00
Fire Department.....	300.00
Assessment Costs.....	200.00
Scavenging, Sanitation	1,400.00
Poor Relief, Mothers' Allowance & Old Age Pension.....	1,500.00
Public Works.....	1,000.00
Hospital Deficit & Indigents' Account.....	1,500.00
Street Lighting.....	1,800.00
Grants.....	100.00
Reserve against the non-collection of Taxes	1,000.00

Municipal Estimates	11,600.00
Less estimated on collection of Business Tax and Licenses.....	2,600.00
	9,000.00
Discount.....	500.00
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School Estimates.	
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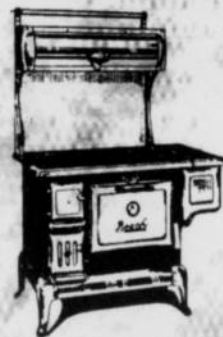
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Nov. 3., 1932

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July 12, 1934

Didsbury Band Scores Success At The Calgary Stampede

Heard over the radio by local citizens on Monday, the Didsbury Boys Band scored an outstanding success in the big parade at Calgary Monday morning. The most favorable criticisms were heard on all sides and the band was praised very highly.

The youngest band in the parade, the boys were 48 strong and played music on a par with the other bands while their marching was said to be much better than any other

band in the parade. The boys looked natty in their white uniforms and led by their mascot, young Stuart Liesemer, received hearty applause along every block of the parade.

Keen gratification is felt by Dr. H. C. Liesemer, director, and the executive of the band over the fine showing made and the big boost given in the town.

Appreciation of the band is expressed to all who assisted in taking the boys to the city and giving them such a fine time.

July 26, 1934

Corner-Stone of New Church Laid

The corner-stone of the new Evangelical Church was laid Sunday afternoon by Rev. W. W. Krueger, Ph. B., superintendent of missions of the Northwest Conference. A large attendance was present to hear Rev. Krueger and see the copper box containing books, money and papers laid away in the corner pillar and sealed in a marble slab bearing the name of the church and date of the building.

The box contained all the old records taken from the old corner stone after the fire; a copy of the latest discipline of the church, a catechism, hymn book, the church papers, Sunday school literature, the current issues of the Didsbury Pioneer and a number of current coins.

The service was held on the building site and was conducted by Rev. H. J. Wood, pastor of the church. Following devotional exercises and an anthem by the choir, Rev. Krueger addressed the gathering and deposited the box, closing the opening with the marble slab.

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Sports

CARSTAIRS PRISM BLADES

Local skater aims for Canadians

Charlee O'Dell of Didsbury is training hard to help her team earn a competitive spot at Canadians in Sarnia, Ontario, in February. As a member of the Carstairs Prism Blades she has been skating on a synchronized skating team for two years.

This sport involves a team of skaters performing various manoeuvres and formations to music. This year Carstairs Figure Skating Club is entering a Junior Festival Team. This is a high level of skating with a team of 16 members from ages 12 to 22 years. The team practices two hours weekly with "off ice" training that polishes their timing and expression.

Coached by Monique and Andrea St. Cyr, their goal is to place in the top 6 at Westerns and earn the right to go on to National Finals. Andrea says due to their hard work and skills built on 10 years of Synchro in Carstairs they have "a good shot" to go all the way. The skaters are supported by dedicated family members and have strong community support in Carstairs and area. Thank you to several Didsbury businesses that have contributed to the team.

Charlee, at age 14, is one of the younger members. She trains the routine at home everyday on her own time and runs to keep her endurance level at peak. She is also a competitive skater working at the Junior Bronze level. Why does she like synchro? "We have a happy, supportive team," she says, and most importantly, "It's really fun."

Carstairs will be hosting the provincial Synchro Winterfest 2005 competition on January 9th. 35 teams from across Alberta and Saskatchewan will be competing. Everyone is welcome. Come out and see what the sport is all about. The competition starts at 1:00 p.m. at the Carstairs Memorial Complex.

Canucks a thrilling 4-3 victory over the Grizzlys

by Barry Williams

Gotto took advantage of sloppy play along the boards picking up an errant puck and firing a bad angle shot past Olds Grizzlys' netminder Cole Anderson.

With the game deadlocked at 3-3 heading into the final period, both teams had several opportunities to decide the game in regulation time but the goaltending of Anderson and Calgary Canucks' Dean Stabler kept the sharpshooters at bay for twenty minutes thus forcing the overtime session, which extended into a second stanza of extra time.

On power play markers off the sticks of Dustin Moore and Curtis VanGrinsven, the Grizzlys held a first period lead of 2-1. Daniel Terenta replied for the Canucks with a power play goal towards the end of the opening stanza.

In the second period, the teams again released potent power plays as Jeff Smyth connected for the Grizzlys, while Alex Mandolidis and Kyle Burton blinked the red light for the Canucks.

Anderson finished the game with 38 saves and Stabler blocked 43 shots.

It was the Grizzlys' second consecutive 4-3 loss as on Monday Dec. 14 the Grizzlys were upset by the league leading Camrose Kodiaks in Camrose.

Again the power play units were front and center as the Kodiaks received two extra man goals from Logan Gorsalt and McGregor Sharp in the first period to take a 2-1 lead. For the Grizzlys, Dustin Moore dented the twine with a power play goal.

In the second frame, T.J. Fast and Tyler Swystun netted power play goals enabling the Kodiaks to skate into the second intermission with a commanding 4-1 lead.

However, the Grizzlys, with their never say die attitude, made the game exciting as Kyle Dorowicz and Dustin Moore found the back of the net with power play goals making the score 4-3 in favor of the Kodiaks.

With the dealing of goaltender Steven Bounds to the Eagles, Kirk Irving played between the pipes for the Kodiaks and blocked 34 shots in picking up the win.



photo by Tamara Collins

Teddy bear donations

The AAA Airdrie Lightning presented 100 teddy bears to the Didsbury Hospital and EMS. These teddy bears were donated by fans at last Sunday's game here in Didsbury. The bears will be given to children when they are admitted to the hospital.

From left to right, back row: Jeff Kerr, Ryan Miller, Harrison Trubble, Jonathon Lefebvre, Mike Bannister, Tyler Rassmussen, Danny Miller, Kathy McNeil and Jovallene Fox. Front row: Nicole Miller, James Lefebvre, Jordan Kerr, Kim Miller



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The Lightning also donated 50 bears to the Christmas hampers from the same hockey game, together with bags of food that people brought to the game in lieu of admission.

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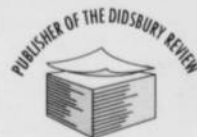
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Dave Meston passed away suddenly in a tragic car accident on December 11, 2004 at the age of 47 years. No words can describe the type of man that Dave was; a son, husband, father and friend. His strength and wisdom endeavours to live on in his surviving family members, daughters January and Lindsay; sons Jackson and Brenden; loving wife Kelly and the joy of his life granddaughter Mishayla. He is also survived by his mother Helen of Westlock; sister Lorraine (Keith) Kupsch and family of Langdon; brother John (Joan) and family of

Westlock; brother Keith (Darlene) and family of Peace River and brother Ron (Kathy) and family of Peace River. Dave was born in Westlock on February 6, 1957. In 1971, Dave and his family moved to Peace River for his high school "formative" years where he played hard and held many fond memories dear to his heart. In 1975, Dave moved to Calgary to continue his education. Here he found his wife and soul mate Kelly to whom he was married for the last 25 years. His education in the petroleum industry lead him down many paths, including 2 1/2 years working in Russia, one year in Africa and many years in the local oilfield. His ingenuity and inventiveness lead to the development and implementation of a patented scrubbing system and a successful oilfield business, Am-Gas, still operating today. Dave moved his family to Didsbury in 1995 to pursue his passion in farming. He will be forever

missed, forever loved and always remembered. Memorial services were held on Wednesday, December 15, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. in the St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Olds with Father Les Drewicki celebrant. Memorial tributes may be made directly to the Children's Wish Foundation. As a tribute to Dave Meston, a tree will be planted in the Heartland Tree Memorial Park, Olds. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd., Olds, Entrusted with arrangements.

MEMORIAM

Nelson, Teddy Ross
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Keith & Ursula Krebs

The Mtn. View Food Bank Soc. wish to thank the Community Bus Assoc., and the passengers for their donation of cash and also for the food donation on the recent Christmas Light Tour.

Bill

The family of Margaret Sheehan wishes to express our sincere Thank you to family, relations & friends for all their support and prayers at the loss of our Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandma. To the ladies who did the lunch, the flowers sent, cards and phone calls received thank you. To the staff on Unit 4, Didsbury for all their wonderful care while Margaret was a resident.

Words are not enough to express how much this all means.

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Merry Christmas and may the Lord Bless.



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Meeting

Didsbury Ag Society Annual General meeting January 10, 2005 at 7:30 p.m., Didsbury Curling Club. Everyone welcome. Snacks provided.

Christmas Mass

St. Anthony's Catholic Church Christmas Mass will be offered Christmas Eve, @ 8:00 p.m. at the Multi Purpose Complex. For further information, please call 335-3633.

Zion Evangelical Missionary Church

Christmas Service Events Friday, Dec. 24 - 7:00 p.m. Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

Ross Ford Playground

Donations are now being accepted through the red milk boxes at local businesses to help fund the new playground at Ross Ford School.

DIDSBURY

Mountain View Colts

Alumni Hockey Game Tues. Dec. 28 at 7:00 p.m. at Didsbury Memorial Complex. Admission: Donation to Food Bank. 50/50: To Minor Hockey

Didsbury & District Community Bus

On behalf of the Didsbury & District Community Bus Committee, we would like to say a big thank you for the support the community has given us over the past year. Have a Merry Christmas & we will see you next year. Gen & Bea

"Gold Eagle Farm Light Display"

Dec. 1/04 to Jan. 1/05. Mon. to Sun. 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. 15,000 lights to view. We welcome everyone to drive through the driveway. 5 miles east of Didsbury overpass, 3 miles North, 2 miles East

DIDSBURY

Annual Outdoor Live Nativity Redeemer Lutheran Church Dec. 21, 22 & 23 at 7:30 p.m. Free admission. Complimentary refreshments following presentation. For more info call 335-3161.

Dartique Lodge

Consider this unique venue for your next party or special event: \$150 per day or \$125 per day for members. Weekend rates available. For more info log onto www.dartique.org or call 932-6187/932-5109 to book your event.

Walking Group

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KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday, January 22 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4. For more information please call 335-8208.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL

is now accepting registrations for 2004-2005 school year. This non-profit organization offers educational and social programming for children 3 to 5 years old. For information or to register your child, please call: Cherie 335-8818 or 335-8039

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INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month 10 a.m. Olds Scout Hall. Phone 337-3617 or 556-3807 for information.

HOME HELP ASSOCIATION
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MEETING

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SPECIAL FAMILIES RESOURCE ASSOCIATION

Support for families/caregivers of special needs children. Meetings held 1st and 3rd Thurs. of every month in the Didsbury Hospital in the Educational Conference Room at 7 p.m. For more information contact Cindy at 335-4123.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Didsbury Chamber of Commerce meets the 2nd Thursday each month. For more info please call 335-3265.

DIDSBURY TOPS

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Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every month at the Town Office. For info call the Town Office 335-3391

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SECTION B

CHRISTMAS EDITION

THE SANTA REPORT

Santa Claus is coming to town

by Tamara Collins

Little boys and girls are you ready for a visit from Santa? He is coming in less than a week.

I spoke to him recently, and some answers I did seek.

He told me how you all were good and did things you were suppose to do.

He also told me he would be bringing you gifts, and some for your parents too.

Santa showed me his sleigh, and all his reindeer.

He could not visit for long, cause Christmas is near!

Didsbury will be one of his first stops.

Don't forget to put out cookies on your table tops.

Santa is jolly and shakes when he laughs.

His favorite subjects were art and math.

Mr. Claus has little elves to help him make toys.

These toys only go to good girls and boys.

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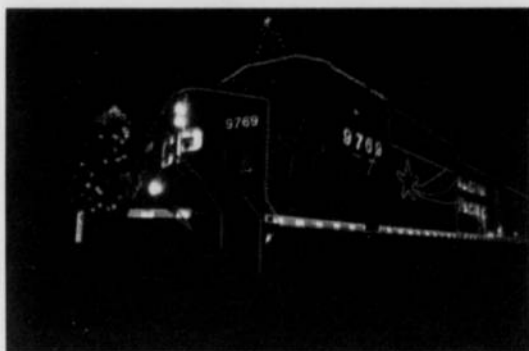
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CPR Christmas Train



On Wednesday evening the CPR Christmas Train came to Didsbury for a visit. People made donations for the Mountain View Food bank, totalling \$1000. Presentations went on for about half an hour, before the decorated train headed off to its next stop.

-photos by Tamara Collins






The First Noel

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The Christmas Story...

THE CAMEL'S TRIP

THE SAVIOUR
(from the
Donkey's
perspective)

by Tyler Jansen, Grade 5

Tiredly, the masters were ready to put us to sleep. Suddenly there was a light! Terrified, the masters plunged to the soft grass below! It was an angel of the Lord and this angel came to tell us that a Saviour had been born and we should quickly run to see him. As the angel announced this, a whole chorus of angels came with the angel and sang. When they had gone, my master and I ran down the hill to Bethlehem with the other shepherds because we trusted the Lord who had given them this message. Panting, we came to the stable and when I looked into the feeding trough, there lay the King of Kings, the Saviour of the world!

JESUS
(from the
Donkey's
perspective)


By Nicholas Hougestol, Grade 5

I can't believe it! I just believe that I carried the mother of baby Jesus across scorching deserts to Bethlehem! When we came to an inn, I heard the innkeeper who takes care of the inn say "we don't have any more room in the inn because a lot of people have been coming, but we do have the stable out back." Hearing this, and watching Joseph walked toward the stable. I followed him and watched, when suddenly I realized that baby Jesus, the Saviour had been born! Lovingly, Mary cared for and fed baby Jesus. Among the crowd, I was in amazement at baby Jesus who I had carried.

By Lukas Grasse, Grade 5

Having to trudge tirelessly for miles and miles without water isn't easy, although there is something strange about this trip. According to my masters, we are following a star, but this isn't an ordinary star. This star is brightly shining, and it

seems to be moving. Actually, the star has stopped moving and we are coming to a town which might have what we are looking for. When we get to Bethlehem, maybe I can rest because my humps are tired. We are stopping! Tired as I am, I must see the child whom my masters seek because he is Christ the Lord.

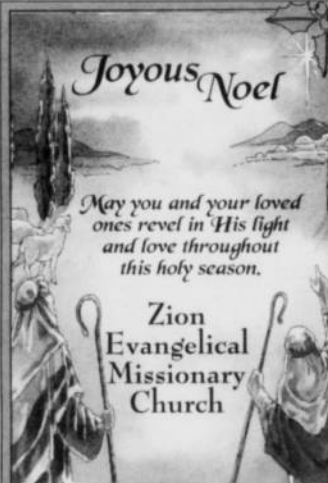


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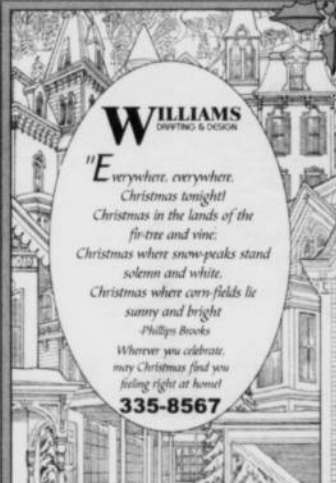
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At The Kitchen Table

by
Noreen Olson

A family gathered together,
In a kitchen cozy and warm.
The kitchen belonged to their mother,
The place was the family farm.
"Dad's going to be ninety six," one said,
"The years have gone so fast.
Let's make this his best Christmas ever,
You know it could be his last.
Let's make it so very merry,
That his heart is filled with joy,
Let's make it his happiest Christmas
Since he was a little boy."
"Admit it," said the practical sister,
"When did Dad last have fun?
He loves us and he's generous and loyal
As a father he can't be outdone
But cheerful is not in his makeup,
He's more like a tired old bear.
He wants to be left with his book and TV,
His cat and his favorite chair.
We can try, but I think it's pointless
We are not going to cheer him up,
He only wants warmth and quiet
Good food and a brimming cup."
"Let's try," the first sister insisted,
"Let's cook all his favorite foods,
Let's sing all the songs that he sang as a child,
Chop down a tree that's grown in the wild,
Buy a fat turkey that's been running free,
String up some popcorn, to hang on the tree
Dress up the kids in velvet and lace,
And when Dad's at the table
And sits in his place,
He'll remember Christmas as it used to be.
And he'll smile, he may even laugh,
You'll see."

By Christmas the whole house was glowing,
Good Cheer fairly flowed out the door.
They had searched through the towns and the city
For everything Grandpa cared for.
At dinner still no sign of pleasure
Had cracked the old man's sullen glare.
And even the most hopeful daughter
Was thinking, "well darn the old bear."
At last the table was ready,
And his favorite chair was in place,
So they settled him gently in it
And watched for the smile on his face.

You have heard of the wonderful one hoss shay
And how it collapsed on that fateful day
Well Grandpa's old chair went the very same way
And Grandpa of course was in it.
As the chair went down Grandpa reached for support
And got the cloth from the dining table
He had a good grip for ninety six
But the cloth wasn't wholly stable.
Oh the shock, the fright and the upset
The flurry of worry and despair
For there in a heap was Grandpa
In the frame of his favorite chair.
There was gravy all over his sweater
There was cranberry sauce on his nose
And the room was in total silence
As everyone simply froze.

Then into the terrible quiet
The tiniest sound could be heard,
It sounded like tissue crumpling,
Or maybe a little trapped bird.
It sounded like a small fire crackling,
Or like rice crackers breaking in half.
It sounded like soap bubbles breaking
Or a very old man
As he laughed.

Merry Christmas from my kitchen table.

THE MYSTERIOUS STAR

By Axton McKey, Grade 6 (written from a news reporter's point of view when Jesus was born)

Yesterday, December 24, a star appeared to be hovering above Bethlehem.

The innkeeper of Super-eight Inn says that he was astonished by the star by his inn. He also says there was a couple who were going to have a baby so he let them use his stable. After the baby was born, shepherds came to see him because they saw the star from the field. Shepherd No. 1 reports, "He's the cutest thing he ever saw." We asked Mary, the mother, what his name was and she told us, "His name is Jesus."

The awestruck citizens of Bethlehem believe He is the Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, who has come to save the world from sin.

THE SPECIAL GIFT

By Kandra Rohl, Grade 5

Being a donkey is tiring after carrying a pregnant lady beside her loving man who were engaged to each other. According to the King, everyone had to go to the town that their fathers were born in, so Mary and Joseph had to go from Nazareth to Bethlehem. It was a long trip having to carry someone the whole journey. Finally we got to the town of Bethlehem to pay the taxes since the King demanded it, but the inns were crowded and full of tired travelers. One innkeeper took pity on Mary and Joseph and kindly offered them his stable where the other's hot, hard-worked animals lay. That night, I slept until I heard a soft little cry. It was a baby. Mary and Joseph were tired but peaceful inside, because Jesus, our Special Gift, was born that night.

THE LONG JOURNEY

By Reanne Schaber, Grade 3

Mary was taking a long ride on a donkey. She sighed, "This ride is dreadfully bumpy." Because the young girl's baby was soon to be born, she felt very uncomfortable. Joseph and the Mother-to-be were traveling to be counted in the census. Mary's husband led the beast of burden. He let God's servant ride the kind donkey. The young virgin got tired. Rests were made on the way. So they walked. They ate. They prayed. Finally, they saw the lights of the city of David. The donkey plodded on to the destination. Their trip was over. The bumpy hills were behind them.

THE KING IS BORN

By Travis Kellsey, Grade 6 (written from a news reporters point of view when Jesus was born)

In Bethlehem, the King was born last night. His parents are Mary and Joseph. He was born in a stable!

The King was born in a stable because all the inns were full. Some shepherds were told by angels that the king was born. One of the shepherds told me that the angels were indescribable. There was a huge star on top of the stable and it's still there! The stable is just out of town behind Bethlehem Tower Inn on 30-52nd Street. People of Bethlehem are happy that the King is born in their town.

MIRACLE

By Tanner Campbell (written from a news reporter's point of view, when Jesus was born)

Last night citizens of Bethlehem spotted an extremely large, bright star, moving toward the far side of the town. Shepherds who saw the star followed it to the stable where the young Messiah was born. The shepherds stayed to worship this child whose name was Jesus.

This King was born in a barn because there was no room in the inn. So as of December 25, a miracle was done.

THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD

By Alison Rempel, Grade 5 (from the Donkey's perspective)

When I stopped day-dreaming, I realized that I was outside of the peaceful town of Nazareth. On the way to where we were going, I noticed that the lady on my back was with child. Walking with a pregnant lady on my back was tiring. The man who was leading me strictly pulled my rope and scolded me because I was going too slowly. I kept walking.

Suddenly I noticed a wooden sign that read "Bethlehem." Then I thought to myself, "Boy, did we ever travel far!"

As we entered Bethlehem, all the inns were full of people who had traveled from their home towns. Thrilled to finally be here, we went to an inn. The innkeeper yelled, "No room!" But then his wife came and whispered, "Can't you see the lady is about to have a baby?" So he replied, "I have a stable and you can stay there because that's all the room that we have."

When we got to the stable, I realized that there were other animals. Then there was a noise - a beautiful noise of a baby's cry. People who looked like shepherds came in and bowed down and worshipped him. Then I realized it was the birth of our Lord.

NEIGHBORHOOD

Recycle your trees

On Saturday, January 8 between 10 am and 2 pm the Didsbury Lions's Club will help recycle your old Christmas tree in exchange for a donation to the Mountain View Foodbank.

Simply bring your tree and food donation to the Town of Didsbury Maintenance Shop. Please ensure your tree is free of any foreign objects, i.e. decorations, nails, screws, etc.

For Trees Company will be donating the use of their wood chipper to the Didsbury Lion's Club. You used an Artificial tree, but still want to donate to the food bank? Great, simply leave your non-perishable food item near your front gate walk or doorstep and a Lion's volunteer will pick up the item, or drop it off yourself at the Maintenance Shop. The Mountainview Food Bank needs your support throughout the year, right after Christmas is always a tough time for those who need it the most.

Knox United wishes you a merry Christmas

Knox United Church in Didsbury (1406 19th Ave.) wishes everyone many blessings this holiday season. This is the time of year when we are celebrating all we are grateful for in our lives and recalling memories of the year that has passed.

It is a time to journey in the light of God-light that shines in our hearts, in the ways we share time and treasures with our family, friends and neighbours, and in ways we give to those who are less fortunate. Advent, the four weeks leading up to Christmas, is filled with the lights of trees and the sounds of carolers. Yet it is also the time of year where the days are short and the nights are dark and long. It is a painful time for those who have lost loved ones, or for those who are suffering broken relationships, ill health, or the insecurity of unemployment. How appropriate, then, that the birth of Christ, the celebration of Christmas light, the coming of the One who brings good news is only a few days after this darkest day; we can trust that the days will lengthen and grow in warmth, and that God's gift of love and light will travel with us through all the joys and challenges of life.

Our prayers extend to everyone during this Christmas time. If you would like information about these or other gatherings in our congregation, please call the church at 335 8373.

We hope you can join us for one of our Christmas Services

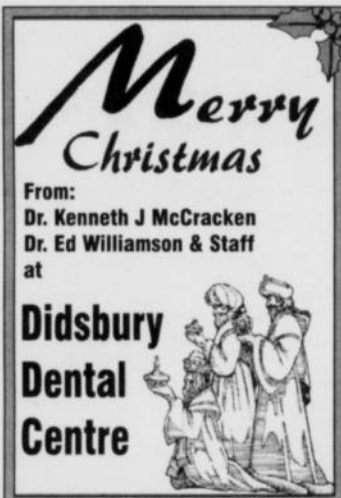
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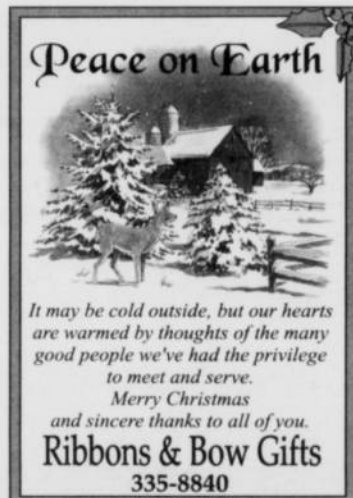
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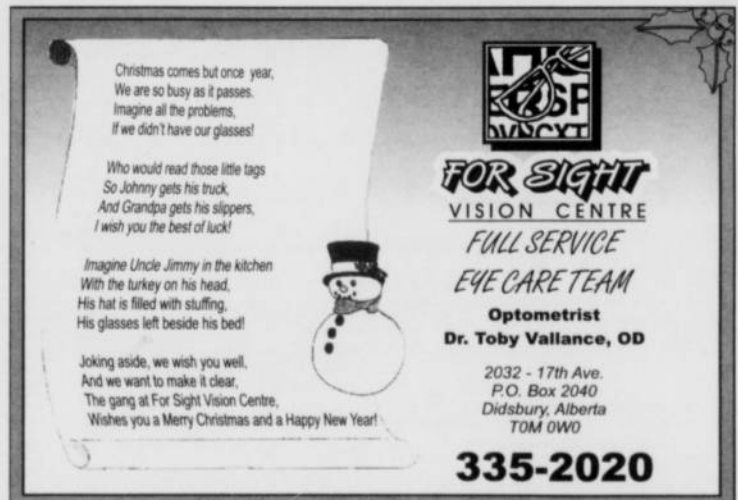
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TOWN OF DIDSBURY

Mayor Moore wishing you a merry Christmas

by Mayor Dorothy Moore

A community's true nature expresses itself during times of celebration as well as times of need. Residents of the Didsbury area have proven their character through both. When disaster strikes, Didsbury district has been quick to respond. In times of celebration, we seek to find ways to include others

with an impressive variety of events.

We kicked off Advent with all the churches presenting a wonderful evening of special music and reading of the Christmas story. It certainly set the mood for getting started on those Christmas cards!

Everyone worked hard to decorate the downtown beautifully with wreaths, garlands, bows & lights,

& old fashioned window panes. Homes sparkle with lights and imaginative displays.

Midnight Madness was a beautiful, crisp evening of shopping & excitement.

The burning barrels and horse drawn carriage, food & crowded sidewalks provided an unforgettable atmosphere!

There are programs and concerts everywhere, theatre and banquets, and even a live nativity performance!

The CPR Christmas Train stopped here on December 15th with a wonderful professional show, a welcome benefit for the food bank, and a special thanks for Didsbury's hospitality.

The Christmas season can be a stressful and lonely time for some. Many practical community initiatives seek to reach out to others in the true spirit of Christmas, bringing joy to the giver as well as those who receive.

A big thank you to Linda Sirr for organizing many of our special community initiatives!

Christmas hampers bring a wealth of food and special treats to those who may be financially stretched during this time.

Christmas Helpers provides gifts for children tailored to their age and

gender. The Christmas Angels Tree at the bakery with the ages and gender listed on sparkling angel decorations visually demonstrates the need to ensure that each of these children have a happy surprise on Christmas morning.

Christmas Day Dinner at the Elks Hall has become a community tradition, both for those who plan and provide the dinner in the true spirit of Christmas, and for those who are away from family who come and join with others to celebrate. Both groups share in making this initiative a success. All those who come add to the enjoyment of all, and often help out as well. I would encourage residents to help with preparation, serving or to attend personally—there is something incredibly rewarding about this expression of our community family.

I ask each of you to somehow give a gift of yourself to your neighbours and your community. Shovel a sidewalk or two beyond your own, pick up litter, visit people in hospital or long term care, volunteer at the hospital, library, school or on the centennial committee. Share a meal, or even a smile and a friendly greeting. Be a goodwill ambassador. Didsbury residents are always our best advertisement. Keep up the good work!

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Joy to the World!

by Pastor Robert Mohns,
Redeemer Lutheran Church

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:13-14

Long before the season of Christmas appears the music of Christmas makes its way into the world announcing to all the coming of the Savior. As the Christmas season approaches the frequency and sometimes even the volume of Christmas music increases. Such constant (some of my friends say incessant) playing of Christmas music bids us to pay attention to the time. It draws our attention not only to the incarnation of Jesus, God taking on human flesh, it also proclaims to us that this same Jesus who was born in Bethlehem to die on a cross in Jerusalem is present in the world today.

We might complain about how poorly the music of Christmas has come to us, distorted as it is by human sin, greed, and self-centeredness. But beneath the poor veneer Jesus Christ, who chose a crude manger for his first appearing is still present. He is still the light the darkness can not overshadow.

When I think of the musical build up to Christmas I think of all that has happened in the history of humanity that led up to that singular event.

Way back in the garden of Eden, with the Fall of humanity, came the first heart strums of that salvation music when God promised Eve a son who would put an end to Satan's oppression and undo all human woe. I wonder what lullaby Eve sang when she gave birth to her first born?

As the days of humanity grew in number so salvation's song grew stronger and clearer. Listen to the song sung by Deborah (Judges 5) and Hannah (1 Samuel 2), the song of Moses (Deuteronomy 31). What do you make of the great songs of David and Solomon and the temple composers?

As the first Christmas day drew near the music neared its crescendo both in intensity and frequency. The beauty of Mary's Song, the Magnificat (Luke 1), inspired by God is still unsurpassed is joined by Zechariah's Song, the Benedictus (Luke 1).

These were the songs that were sung in the world of human history but largely unknown to humanity.

The sum of them now becomes a great opus swelling together announcing the long expected coming of the Savior. Finally when the earth could no longer contain the song, the hosts of heaven shatter the night's silence. The depths of the dark Judean night give way to Salvation's Song, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests," the whole host of heaven sing. Salvation's song wakes up tired shepherds and moves them along to see and to worship Jesus as their savior.

Pay attention to the music, friend. Still today salvation's song draws people to Christ as the message of the Gospel goes forth throughout the world. Salvation's song still draws people living in darkness into the marvelous light of salvation.

Some would attribute the power to draw people to the music itself. In deed music is a powerful medium. But to attribute it such power is pure idolatry, the worship of created things over against creator. The power of salvation's song comes from the author of the music who is Jesus.

The world tried to put an end to salvation's song on Good Friday when it killed the author, and coronation as Lord of Lords a new song was begun. (Revelation 4).

All too soon the blare of Christmas music will come to an end. But Salvation's Song will be sung.

That is the good news for you and

me. Salvation's song-Jesus, is ever present in our world, ever comforting, always beckoning us.

Pay attention to the music, dear friends. Our salvation draws ever closer with every song that is sung. As the song of salvation woke up tired shepherds and drew them to Jesus so I pray confidently that it will continue to do that with you and me. Wherever we are Salvation's song is present-yes even if the place you are at today is filled with darkness. Pay attention to the mu-

sic, friend! And may the joy and hope and peace of Jesus be yours today!

On behalf of the members of Redeemer Lutheran Church we invite you to join the saints on earth and the whole host of heaven in singing the song of our Salvation, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." Redeemer's Christmas schedule is: Christmas Eve family service 7:30 p.m.; Christmas Day service 10:30 a.m.; The First Sunday in Christmas 10:30 a.m.



FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD,
THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON,
THAT WHOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM
SHALL NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.
-John 3:16

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We'd like to join you and your family in giving thanks for the miracle
of Christmas, and wish you all a joyous and meaningful holiday season.

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Focus on
the Family

QUESTION: I understand that I can't diagnose my own son for attention deficit disorder (ADD), but it would be helpful if you would list the kinds of behavior to look for in a child or adult who may have ADD. You've described the condition in general terms, but what are the specific characteristics of someone who has this disorder?

DR. DOBSON: Edward M. Halliwell and John J. Ratey, authors of an excellent text titled "Driven to Distraction" (Simon & Schuster) list 20 symptoms that are often evident in a person with ADD or ADHD (attention deficit hyperactive disorder). They are:

1. A sense of underachievement, of not meeting one's goals (regardless of how much one has accomplished).
2. Difficulty getting organized.
3. Chronic procrastination or trouble getting started.
4. Many projects going simultaneously; trouble with follow-through.
5. Tendency to say what comes to mind without necessarily considering the timing or appropriateness of the remark.
6. An ongoing search for high stimulation.
7. A tendency to be easily bored.
8. Easy distractibility, trouble focusing attention, tendency to tune out or drift away in the middle of a page or a conversation, often coupled with an ability to focus at times.
9. Often creative, intuitive, highly intelligent.
10. Trouble going through established channels, following proper procedure.
11. Impatient; low tolerance for frustration.
12. Impulsive, either verbally or in action, as in impulsive spending of money, changing plans, enacting new schemes or career plans, and the like.
13. Tendency to worry needlessly, endlessly; tendency to scan the horizon looking for something to worry about, alternating with inattention to, or disregard for, actual dangers.
14. Sense of impending doom, insecurity, alternating with high risk-taking.
15. Depression, especially when disengaged from a project.
16. Restlessness.
17. Tendency toward addictive behavior.
18. Chronic problems with self-esteem.
19. Inaccurate self-observation.
20. Family history of ADD or manic-depressive illness, depression, substance abuse or other disorders of impulse control or mood.

QUESTION: You've said that schools need to have enough structure and discipline to require certain behavior from children whether or not they have a natural interest in the subject being taught. Then you must favor a very structured, teacher-led program, where student behavior is rather tightly controlled. Why?

DR. DOBSON: One of the purposes of education is to prepare a young person for later life. To survive as an adult in this society, one needs to know how to work, how to get there on time, how to get along with others, how to stay with a task until completed and, yes, how to submit to authority.

In short, it takes a good measure of self-discipline and control to cope with the demands of modern living. Maybe one of the greatest gifts a loving teacher can contribute to an immature child, therefore, is to help her learn to sit when she feels like running, to raise her hand when she feels like talking, to be polite to her neighbor, to stand in line without smacking the kid in front, and to do English when she feels like doing soccer.

I would also like to see our schools readopt reasonable dress codes, eliminating suggestive clothing, T-shirts with profanity or those promoting heavy-metal bands, etc. Guidelines concerning good grooming and cleanliness should also be enforced.

I know! I know! These notions are so alien to us now that we can hardly imagine such a thing, but the benefits would be apparent immediately. Admittedly, hairstyles and matters of momentary fashion are of no particular significance, but adherence to a standard is an important element of discipline. The military has understood that for 5,000 years.

If one examines the secret behind a championship football team, a magnificent orchestra or a successful business, the principal ingredient is invariably discipline. Preparation for this disciplinary lifestyle should begin in childhood. That's why I think it's a mistake to require nothing of children: to place no demands on their behavior; to allow them to giggle, fight, talk and play in the classroom. We all need to adhere to reasonable rules, and school is a good place to get acquainted with how that is done.

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Up And Down The Fireman's Ladder
Didsbury And District Fire Department

by Tyrone Patten

Once again we find ourselves preparing for the holidays. With the weather being so mild lately it's sometimes hard to get motivated. But never the less, Santa will soon be here. Speaking of Santa, he paid a visit to the Fire Dept's annual Christmas party on November 27. For those of you who don't know, this party is one of the only times we have a chance to meet the families of our fellow firefighters in Didsbury. The kids have a blast playing after a fantastic turkey dinner, then Santa arrives.

We also take the time to recognize certain firefighters for their years of service to the community. This year we honoured 8 members for their dedication. Troy Schwandt, Esther Petersen, Jimmy Rylance, and Ashley Stewart received one-year plaques. Jenni Dodman and Pierre Martel received plaques for 10 years. Walter O'Dell was honoured for 15 years service, and Tyrone Patten was honoured for 25 years service.

We also choose one of the newest members as rookie of the year. This person is the firefighter that does the dirty jobs without question and seems to always "be there" when it's time to work. This year's rookie of the year is Troy Schwandt. Congratulations and a pat on the back goes to each of these dedicated firefighters.

Just to remind everyone, if you call the ambulance and the Fire Dept. arrives there is a reason. If the unit from Didsbury is on a call, they send an ambulance from Olds or Sundre and sometimes from Innisfail or Airdrie. Rather than have you wait that extra time, they send us to start treatment. We have a number of members with advanced medical training and we can make the patient as comfortable as possible before the ambulance arrives.

Since last report, we have responded to 19 calls. They were:

M.V.C.'s 7

Ambulance assists 4
Structure fires 3
Alarm, no fire 2
Mutual aid 2
Wildland fire 1

There were 10 calls during the day, 7 in the evening, and 2 at night, for a total of 32 hours in the field.

On behalf of all the members of the Didsbury and District Fire Department I would like to wish everyone and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Berghel Mennonite Church
Didsbury, Alberta
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Bkm East on Berghel Rd.
Sunday School - 9:45am
Sunday Worship Service - 10:55am
Pastor: Edwin Garland
For more information ph. 335-4451

**Mountain View
Evangelical Missionary Church**
(14km East of Didsbury)
Pastor John Lucas
Office: 335-4422
Home: 335-8923
Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
For info. concerning weekly activities
please call the Church office.

Knox United Didsbury
1406 19th Avenue
Minister: Rev. Nancy Nourse
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programming for children, youth and adults
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1500-23rd
Rev. Robert Mohs
Church: 335-3161 / Res: 335-3656
Sunday School: 9:30a.m.
Adult Bible Study Sunday: 9:30a.m.
Worship: 10:30a.m.
Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sun. 10:30a.m.
Jr. & Senior Youth, Women's & Seniors
Ministry Group, Small Group Bible Study meetings
throughout the week.

Chinook Winds Christian Centre
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SUNDAY CELEBRATION: 10a.m.
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Healing Rooms Ministry: Wed. 7pm-9pm
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Claude Baril @ 335-3842
Catholic Women's League: Wendy MacKenzie 335-8507
Knights of Columbus: Jim Myhre 335-3633

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10:00 am Good Friday Service

See You in Church
This Sunday

NEIGHBORHOOD



Christmas Hampers

These two rooms at the Zion Church are filling up quickly with donations for the Christmas Hampers. There is still time to donate food or gifts to a family in need, simply bring it to the Zion Church. Tuesday night volunteers will start wrapping the gifts and getting them ready for the families.

-photos by Tamara Collins

Thank You

Aspen Ridge Lodge would like to wish Merry Christmas to Didsbury community groups, volunteers, special friends, and family members for their support in 2004. A special thank you to Victoria's Flowers for their outstanding decorating efforts and to Didsbury Drugs for their Christmas contributions. Thank you all for your support and we look forward to seeing you in 2005!!!

Residents & Staff of
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It is at this time of year that the gift of God's love is fully realized. This Christmas, share the greatest of gifts—Love, not just with those you know and care for, but everyone you meet.

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Gordie Reimer & Staff

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merry Christmas
Loe Devon 1C/2B

Dear Santa
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Have a Merry Christmas and a HaPPy New Year.

Thank You
Nolan Lanthier 1C/2B

Dear santa Claus
How are You? How are your reindeer? Please bring me a Barbie Nut cracker ballet shoes. My sister would like a Fish toy Please.

Happy Christmas to you and Mrs. Claus.

Love Cydney 1C/2B

Dear Santa Clads
How are you?
How do you like your week-end so far?

Please bring me a horse. My sister would bike a ledtabby. Have a Happy New year! Have a Merry christmas.

Love Amber 1C/2B

To Santa Claus.
how are you?
Santa Claus. how are you and Mrs. Claus I want a huggie Bear Please How are you Santa Claus Please bring my borther a Merry Christmas.

Love Mytayla 1C/2B

Dear santa claus
How are you?
Please bring me a megaman toy. My mom ould like a new telephone.

Have a Merry Christmas.
happy New Year
Thank You

Duncan 1C/2B

Dear Santa Claus.
How are you?
how do reindeer fly?
Please bring me a snowboard My brother would a snowboard too.

Have a Merry Christmas
happy New Thank you
Shelly 1C/2B

Dear Santa Claus.
How are you?
Is Rudolph's nose still red?
Please bring me two ken dolls My sister and I would like two Barbies. happy new Year

Thank you
Keiya Smith 1C/2B

Dear Santa Claus.
How are you?
Please bring me a Barbie doll.

My brohter would like an xbox. Have a Merry Christmas HaPPy New year.

Thank You.
Allysin 1C/2B

Dear santa Claus.
How are you? Please bring me a barbie computer please bring my Dad a real truck How is Mrs. Claus

Love Danika 1C/2B

Dear St. Nic.,
How are You? reindeer?
Please bring me a gameboy. My brother wants the rest of the Santa Suit please.

happy Holidays.
Love Brady 1C/2B

Dear Santa Claus.
How are you? How are The elves? Please brig me a xbox game. My mom would like a DvD Player please. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Love Bryce 1C/2B

Dear Santa Claus. how are you? How are your reindeer? Please bring me some star wars Lego stuff. My sister would like the Polly Hotel

Please. Have a Merry christmas.

Love, Lachlan 1C/2B

Dear Santa
How are you?
How do reindeer fly?
Please bring me a Polly Hotel. My sister wants a sara Feena doll. HaPPy Holidays.

Love Samantha 1C/2B

Dear Santa Claus.
thank you for my tooth brush. Thank you for my tedee Ber. Please bring my mom avan. Please bring me a world spinner.

Please bring Joy to the world. How do you make remote kontrol cars?

How do you mak all of the toys?

Merry Christmas Lov Ryan 1A

Dear Santa Claus
Thank you for my mega pours. Please bring my sister a Barbie. Please bring me a giijo. Please bring the world water.

What are your favourite cookies?

Merry Christmas
Love Ethan 1A

Dear Santa Claus
Thank you for my new bay blade.

Please bring Jason a teddy bear.

Please bring me an Air Hog airplane. Please bring the world peace.

how do the reindeer fly? howdo you make all fo the toys?

merry Christmas
Love Austin 1A

Dear Santa Claus
Thank you for my Littl BaBe Barn. Please bring my Dad a teDDe Biar. Please bring me a lez Bace ovn Please bring the world Peace.

How do the reindeer fly?
Merry christmas
Love Isabelle 1A

Dear Santa,
thank-you for the presnts you brought last year. Please bring Paige some new clothes. Dad and Mom need new shirts please. i would like a train set a soccer set and a baseball set. Mrs. Campbell wants charms for her watch. I like it when you say Ho-Ho-Ho. Do you like cookies? How is Rudolf?

Merry Christmas
love Caly 1A

Dear Santa Claus
Thank you for my jewlere box. Please bring my friend Rebecca a

neopets. Please bring the world water. How do you make all fo the toys? how do the reindeer fly? What are your favourite cookies?

Merry Christmas
Love Sharon 1A

Dear Santa Claus
Thank you for my gamboy. Thank you for my halecuptr.

Please bring my brother a jeep. Please bring me a Gijow. Please bring me a jeep. Please bring the world joy.

how does your sled fly with the reindeer? Do your elves work all Year long?

Merry Christmas
Love Jake 1A

Dear Santa Claus.
Thank you for my joulrebox. Please bring my cat fod. Please bring my teacher white bordmarcers.

Please bring me a brbe hous. Please bring the world joy.

How do you make all of the toys? How do the reindeer fly?

Merry Christmas
Love Dara 1A

Dear Santa Clau.
Thankyou for my bear. Please bring my sister a laptop. Please bring me a BRatz. Please bring the world water. Do your reindeer eat carrots? How do the reindeer fly?

Merry Christmas
Love Maddie 1A

Dear Santa Claus
Thank you for my bey blade. Please bring my mom a present. Please bring me a bey blade. Please bring the world love.how do the reindeer fly?

Merry Christmas
Love Hunter.

Dear Santa Claus
Thank You for my brbe. Please bring my friend Sharon a neopat. Please bring me a teve. Please bring the World water. how do the reindeer fly? What are the names of your elves?

Merry Christmas
Love Rebecca 1A

Dear Santa Caus.
thank you for my BaBy anaBaL. Thank you for my dollie. please bring my Dog a Toy. Please bring the world hawses. Please bring me a chalk bord. how do your resindeer fly?

Merry Christmas
Love Shaylene 1A

Dear Santa clasu
Thank you for my horse.Please bringb my teacher new pyjamas. Please bring me new pyjamas. Please bring the world water. How do you make daolls? How do you make train sets?

Merry Christmas
Love Kendall 1A

Dear Santa Claus
Thank you for my Pole Poket and

shopping mal. Please bring my mon perfuem. Please bring me a brbi kitchen. Please bring the world joy

Do your elves work all year long? Do your reindeer eat carrots? marry christmas
Love Kailyn 1A

Desar Santa Claus
Thank you formy vacuum clener. Please bring my sister a EpyptBox. Please bring me a scoter. Please bring world peace. Waht are your favourite cookies? Are your elves little?

Merry christmas
Love Naomi 1A

Dear Santa Claus
Thank you for my Barby dol. Please bring my friend Spencer Ninjatertal. Please bring me a Mremad doll. Please bring the world joy. Do your elves work all year long?

Do your reindeer eat carrots? Merry Christmas
Love Cassie 1A

Dear Santa Claus
Thank you for my Baby May and for my new Pyjamas. Please bring my cat a mouse. Please bring me a Pole Pokit.

Please bring the world joy. How do you make all of the toys?

How does your sled fly with the reindeer?

Merry Christmas
Love HayLey 1A

Dear Santa Claus
Thank you for my new Sony game. Please bring my brohter a tec dec. Please bring the world joy. How do you make all of the toys? How do the reindeer fly?

Merry Christmas
Love Luke 1A

Dear Santa Claus
Thank you for my polis car. Pleas bring my frind Cassie a cat. Please bring me a gam Boiy. Please bring the world joy.

How do you make all of the toys? Do your reindeer eat carrots?

Merry Chrismtas
Love Spencer 1A

Dear Santa Leaus
Thank you for my Cristin movie. Please bring my dada a toolbox. Please bring me a discman.

Please bring The world peace. How do you make all of the toys? How do the reindeer fly?

Merry Christmas
Love Silas 1A

Dear Santa Claus
Thank you for my truck. Please bring Opa a semitruck model. Please bring me a pencilcase.

Please bring the world more water. What are your elves building? What is Rudolph eating?

From Ehren 1A
See more letters on page B12.

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NEIGHBORHOOD

Letters

Continued from page B11

Dear Santa

I hope every thing is doing good. Santa how are the reindeer doing especially Rudolf. How is Mrs. Claus doing? I hope she is doing good. Thank you for my present last year. I was worried that I wouldn't get my princess set but then when we got home from Regina there were four big presents sitting on our porch and then I was exuted! We went inside and opened are presents and then I opened my presents and it was a princess set.

-Breanna

Dear Santa,

I want a love cub please. How is Rudolf peop dont believe in you I like you Santa. How are the elves? I saw the guy that talks t you! Merry Christmas.

Ho Ho Ho love Jordyn.

Dear Santa

I want a laser tag. How is Mrs. Claus? What are your elves doing? How is Rudolf doing and the other reindeer too. How many toys have the elves made? how old are you?

love Hayden.

Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer doing? How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? How are the elves? all I want for christmas is a Brat with black hair and cool

clothes that go with a motorbike.
from Brianna F.

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer? thank you for my presents last year. How are your elves? Do the elves really make toys? Do you get lots of mail? Do you Do you? Do you have bell on your reindeer? How many reindeer do you have? I want a baby for Christmas. How old are you? Are your elves busy this year? How is the Northpole? Is it cold at the Northpole?

Love Amy

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the presents last year. I wand a teddy dog this year. How are you Santa? How are your reindeers? How is the North Pole.

love Kate

To Santa from Morgan. Dear santa, Can I have a gama-boy for Christmas! How are things? I have a question. How do the elves do all of the work? Send a card to me. Oh and one thing I wish you a Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa

I hope I can get some horse stuff for Christmas. How are you and your reindeer doing? I forgot all of your reindeer's names. At Christmas could you write all of your reindeer's names in order and leave it on the table where the milk is? How many elves do you have? Does Rudolf's nose really glow?

from Sara

Dear Santa,

What is the Weather like? How are you and Mrs. Claus? I want a real snowboard with boots and bindings. Thank you Santa.

From, Tate.

Dear Santa, How are you? Thank you for the guitar last Christmas. I would like a cybord hot race track. Please can I have a science kit? How is your reindeer? How many elves do you have?

love Jeffrey.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for ALL the presnts last Christmas. How are your reindeer? How are The elves? I got a new dog named timmy Bear. and I got Bear. too. For Christmas I want a new Barbie and a hat. How old is Santa?

Love Anastasia

See more letters on page B17.

LIGHT UP SAFELY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Have a Safe & Happy Holiday Season
From the Didsbury & District Fire Authority



REJOICE IN HIS LOVE

"God rest you merry gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay;
Remember Christ our Savior
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-Anonymous



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CHINOOK'S EDGE SCHOOL DIVISION

Kids at Christmas



by Roy Brassard

There's something about kids and Christmas. At every School Board Meeting throughout the year we have children involved one way or another. Sometimes it's to acknowledge an accomplishment and sometimes to demonstrate a special program taking place at their school. At our last Board Meeting the entire grade three class from Jesse Duncan School in Penhold provided Board members and central office staff with Christmas music played on bells. Each student had on a bright red jacket and white gloves (for handling the bells). To watch the expression on the faces of these eight and nine year old children as they concentrated on their cues and timing was priceless. They certainly set the tone for our holiday season!

We happen to live very close to the three schools here in Didsbury and there are times when you can almost

feel the excitement coming from the playground chatter - most of which pertains to Christmas and band concerts - each of which has filled the gymnasiums with siblings, parents and grandparents.

This past year has been fairly busy but extremely productive. Five of our nine Board members are new this year but are already very active. We now have over 800 teachers and substitutes with an additional 650 support staff for our 11,000 students across the 38 schools in our division. We recently completed a \$3.1 Million modernization to the Ross Ford School and our new high school plans are on schedule and construction should begin shortly after the new year. We hope to be in the school by September and fully functional by next Christmas. A \$10 Million modernization is currently underway at the River Valley School in Sundre which will not only provide improved educational facilities but a new

library, community offices and other facilities for the town of Sundre as well.

A new junior/senior high school is being considered for Olds that will be located on the College campground. It will be designed as a "learning campus" and plans have been designed to not only provide direct and seamless access from high school into college but to the University of Alberta. Students who do not wish to attend post secondary education will have access to an unlimited number of apprenticeship and trades through the many programs already established at the college. These opportunities will be expanded throughout our

school division utilizing virtual technology allowing a common instructor to access any number of schools and classrooms. Our number one new-school priority continues to be in Carstairs where the growth in student population continues to increase.

In reflection it has been a busy year and every indication is that it will continue. In the meantime it is Christmas—a time to be with those we love and cherish. From everyone at Chinook's Edge School Division our wish is that you celebrate the birth of the Christ child—with love in your home, peace in your world, and joy in your hearts—in the true spirit of Christmas.



CATCH THE SPIRIT

MAY FAITH BE YOUR GUIDE DURING THIS SEASON OF JOY AND REFLECTION. WE KNOW WE ARE TRULY BLESSED TO HAVE YOU FOR OUR NEIGHBORS.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

ALLEN & GAIL REED
& FAMILY



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PEACE & JOY

With heartfelt thanks and best wishes at this splendid time of year.

Milton Sanders
David Scott
and Staff

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*Best wishes
for a safe and
Happy Holiday!*

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Season's Greetings

Season of Change

Isn't it always the case? The one thing we can count on is change and there's been plenty of it in municipal governments across Alberta. Managing it for positive results is the goal of Mountain View County and it's a challenge we're excited about taking into the New Year.

In our County, BSE (ironically, the one thing that hasn't changed) has created real strife for many families and businesses. All of us are anxious to see light at the end of the tunnel.

However, in these turbulent times, we've been blessed with gifts as a County - neighbours have pulled together, communities have supported each other, families and friends have shown the true value of solidarity.

During this holiday season, spend time with family, friends and neighbours and take a few moments to offer thanks for living in Mountain View County - a community that thrives on positive change.

Sincerely,
Al Kemmere
Reeve

BANK ON A VERY GOOD SEASON

And know our best wishes are with you all the way!

Merry Christmas and sincere thanks to our members

Management & Staff

Mountain View Credit Union Ltd.
Didsbury 335-3335

Hometown Community Spirit
Hometown Community Pride

HAVE A JOLLY HOLIDAY!

Wherever you go, we hope it leaves you laughing all the way. We know it's been fun serving you this past year. Thanks!

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CALGARY HEALTH REGION

Surviving the Holidays



calgary health region

How to trim the fat, cut the carbs and still enjoy yourself this holiday season.

Holidays, a time for celebrating, a time with family and friends, and, of course, a time for feasts, treats and delights. Holidays feed the calendar year. They give us reason to plan gatherings of loved ones, share gifts of affection, and indulge in sweet temptations and familiar feasts.

But did you know that the average person can gain approximately five pounds over the Christmas holiday season? It takes 17,500 extra calories to gain 5 lbs - that's 80 regular-sized milk chocolate bars worth of calories! The good news is that with a few helpful tips and key strategies, you can be equipped with the tools you need to enjoy the holidays.

Start with these simple strategies

to help develop your own plan of attack.

Plan ahead for social gatherings: By equipping yourself with a plan, you will feel more confident and in control to make healthier choices and keep things balanced. Just remember to allow for surprises—Santa's not the only one who can surprise you, so can Aunt Martha's new triple overboard chocolate fudge Christmas cookies.

Avoid arriving on an empty stomach: Nourish your body with a nutritious meal or snack before attending an event. It will help ensure adequate nutrition, power you with energy, and prevent overeating at the party.

Distance yourself from the buffet table: Avoid socializing around the buffet table; get in and get out. Spend the greater part of your time socializing with friends and focus on the company and conversation, rather than the food.

Choose small food portions and a smaller plate: Limit yourself to your favorites in smaller portions and savour each morsel. Try to avoid talking and eating at the same time.

Limit alcohol and sugary beverages. Keep to one or two drinks of alcohol or punch and then switch

to sparkling water or diet pop.

Keep physical: Stay "on your toes". Stand when socializing or walk around and mingle.

Trim the fat and cut the carbs: It's been calculated that the average person can consume up to 6,000 calories on Christmas Day. Try these tips for craving calories from your traditional feast:

- Serve raw vegetables with low fat dip for an appetizer.
- Buy or make "light" eggnog with lower fat milk.
- Add less butter or margarine to potatoes, dressing and vegetables.
- Use a "fat separator" to skim fat off of meat or poultry drippings for low fat gravy.
- Enjoy pie or dessert without whipping cream.
- Serve lower carbohydrate vegetables such as green beans, broccoli, cauliflower or brussels sprouts instead of corn, sweet potatoes or peas.
- Don't put bread or buns on the table.
- Choose either potatoes or dressing.
- Drink sparkling water or dry wine.
- Treat yourself to candies or chocolates on a day when you're not having a big meal.

Christmas Greetings

It is our hope that the joy of Christmas remains with you throughout the year and that God will guide your family to a prosperous, healthy and happy New Year.

From my family to yours, we would like to extend to all constituents of Wild Rose the warmest of wishes this Holiday Season.

Myron and Dot Thompson

May the joy and peace of Christmas always be with you!

Merry Christmas

From the
Didsbury Family Practice

Dr. M. Puts

Dr. C. Vervaeck

Dr. F. Van Rooyen

Peggy Jordet, Kim Wozny, Valdene Kendze,
Tina & Gord Foisy, Dolly Edwards and Alexanne Tschritter

HAPPY
HOLIDAYS
TO ALL!

As we wrap up another year, we wish you all the blessings of the holiday season and thank you for the courtesy and friendship you've shown to us this past year.

INGRID ANDERSON, KIM PROSS
AND GERRI ANDERSON

Cuthbertson Sandall

335-9167

Happy Christmas

May you enjoy a season
full of much love and
laughter with
those near
and dear
to you.

From the staff
and board of the
Didsbury Municipal Library

Blessings of the Season from

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December 24
Christmas Eve Worship

7:00 pm - Celebration with Carols
& Stories

9:00 pm - Candlelight and Communion

PLEASE JOIN US!



**From Our
Family To Yours**

Our sincere best wishes for a sparkling holiday season. Thank you for giving us an extra reason to celebrate!

From Brad & Bev, Craig & Debbie & Dave
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"When they saw the
star, they rejoiced with
exceeding great joy."

--Matthew 2:10

All our best wishes
for the brightest
Christmas ever!

**Didsbury
Chiropractic
and Massage**

Dr. Dave & Dr. Kirsten Phillips & Staff

NEIGHBORHOOD



Pencil art

Above: A pencil sketch of the three wise men by grade 6 student Mack Sheppard.

Right: A pencil sketch by grade 6 student Danny Bruins.



Sing His Praises

May your heart be full of song and your home echo with the sounds of laughter as we give thanks to our Lord for the miracle of Christmas.

The Didsbury
REVIEW

CONTEMPORARY
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All the best in 2005 from, Beth, Ben, Gene, Kim, Maxine, Rafael and Tamara

SEASON'S GREETINGS

May all your hopes and dreams come true this holiday season and beyond.

Many thanks and Merry Christmas!
from the staff at the
ROYAL BANK
Didsbury Branch

Silent Night

May this holy season blanket you and your loved ones with warmth and contentment.
Merry Christmas from all of us.

Topnote Music School

Didsbury 335-8563

**Christmas is just
Around the Corner**

All over town, people are enjoying the beauty of the season with their near and dear ones. We'd like to send our best wishes for wonderful holidays to our friends everywhere!

Merry Christmas from the
Mayor, Councillors
and the Staff of the
Town of Didsbury.

Warmest Wishes!

**and
SEASON'S GREETINGS**

From all of us at the
**VERNON E. GOOD
Law Office**

with warm wishes
and gratitude
from all of us

*Thank you for your
patronage through
the year.*

Merry Christmas from
Jae, Dave & Staff
JD's Restaurant & Pub

335-3541

NEIGHBORHOOD

NOTES FROM NIGERIA

Missing our family and friends at Christmas

Dear Family and Friends,

This year there is no Chaplain at Hillcrest, so I volunteered to find and ask service leaders and speakers. A couple of weeks ago we had a couple of problems with my arrangements for the Sunday morning service at Hillcrest Chapel. For the first few months of the School year I had sent notices to the service leaders and the speakers, but I had slacked off recently. Anyway, on Monday morning I got a note from the service leader for the following Sunday saying that he wouldn't be at

Hillcrest. I quickly gave him some names to try and he found someone to take his place.

However, the speaker had also not been contacted and I finally got hold of him on Wednesday. He had forgotten and had made another commitment-wow! So Wednesday afternoon I chased down possible speakers, wondering if I'd have to speak myself. Fortunately a friend from our accountability group agreed to speak. Sunday went without a hitch, and no one knew how close we had come to having no leader or speaker.

So this last week I got busy and

sent out the notices to the leaders and speakers for the next few weeks of Chapel. I feel better. Emergencies can still arise, but at least I will have done my part.

Thursday I drove six and a half hours to Mokwa. The road is fairly good, although for the last three hours the road has some bad patches. There were many police checks, but the police are probably out because there have been problems with robbers. Anyway, we didn't meet any thieves or even any of the 'mobile tax collectors'. I was very grateful, and consider the safety and the absence of hassle to be answers to prayer. God is good.

At Mokwa there was a Church meeting. Thursday night a meeting for all of the Church District Superintendents was held. Because of the problems with the election of President and General Secretary at the General Conference in August, a solution was needed so that the Church could carry on. The man who called together the CDS's is an engineer who has a business in Abuja. He presented a proposal, which was welcomed and endorsed by the CDS's. So the meeting the next day, instead of being long and difficult, was short and sweet. The chairman explained what had been done and then read the communiqué from the CDS's.

Starting in January, a management committee comprised of the three living former presidents of the denomination will look after the Church. Hopefully they will rectify some problems with the constitu-

tion, sort out some of the personality problems, and heal some of the divisions. The chairman of this committee is well respected and very capable. He was Nigeria's ambassador to Spain, the Vatican, and Chad, back in the 1990's. He was also UMCA's first president, but only for a few months. Many of us feel that God has brought him back to Nigeria 'for such a time as this'.

So prayers for a peaceful resolution of the leadership crisis in the Church were also answered, and we are very grateful. Mokwa is not a large center, but it is centrally located for the churches of our denomination. The Church has a campground there that is slowly being developed.

Probably the two of us from Jos that attended the meeting had traveled the furthest. We returned home Saturday, having passed through at least thirty police checks. However, we didn't have any trouble of any kind on the road and we praise God for His hand of protection. Thank you also for your prayers.

Please pray for the students and staff at Hillcrest as exams are given and marked this week. Also, many will travel during the next week. Please pray for safety for them. We appreciate your support.

We expect to spend most of Christmas Day with Baptist missionary friends. We'll probably have a big meal and lots of great fellowship. We won't miss the snow, but we'll certainly miss our families and friends.

Sincerely,
Dan for the Snyders



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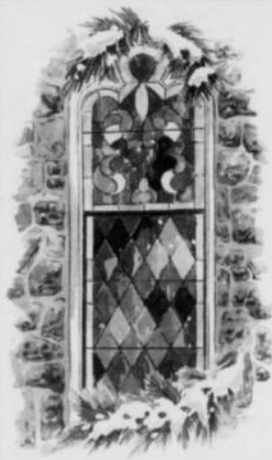
Christmas Message

Help us to remember
To close the door of hate
And open the door of love
All over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift
And good desires with every greeting
Teach us to refrain from evil
And pursue life with trust and honesty.

On Christmas Day
Allow us to be with friends and family.
On Christmas evening
Bring us to our beds
With grateful thoughts,
Forgiving and forgiven.

Richard Marz, MIA & Jan Marz
Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills



...And To All A Good Night!

May all your dreams come true during this magical season.
We couldn't have wished for better friends than you.
Thanks for everything!

**LITTLE WONDERS
PLAY SCHOOL**



It's Been
A Pleasure
Serving You!

At this special time of year,
we'd like to serve
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a happy and healthy
holiday season to
our many good
friends and neighbors.
Your loyal patronage
means a lot to us.
Thanks, everyone!

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Merry Christmas From the Whole Gang!



Just in the "nick" of time,
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Thank you for pulling
for us this past year!

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Season's Greetings
and a Happy New Year

James & Jeannie Quantz
& Staff
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NEIGHBORHOOD

Letters

Continued from page B12

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? How are your reindeer doing? How is Rudolf doing? Hows the weather up there? Hows the factory doing? How are your elves doing? Thank you for the Polly Pocket lots of fun could you give me a Polly Pocket hotel? Could you send me a picture of the elves and Rudolf. This year I will give you extra cookies.

Love Morgan.

Dear Santa, can I have a doll Christmas? How are you doing? I hope it isn't too cold for you. How are your reindeer doing? Are your elves very busy this year? What is Mrs. Claus doing this year? I hope you have a very Merry Christmas. **Anika**

Dear Santa. Thank you for my race car track. This year, I would like a puzzle of the world and I would like if it was shaped like the world. Santa how are the elves? I hope Rudolf doesn't get tired when you are delivering the presents. How old are you Santa? I hope you have a good Christmas

Love Mikayla

Dear Santa. How are things going? This is what I would like for Christmas I would like a Beanie Baby Cat Please How is Rudolf? I hope he's doing ok. I Love you Santa. I Love your movies too. How are the elves? I hope they are fine. Hows Mrs. Claus? How's work? I hope its good. I wish I were you santa, because then I would be allowed to eat junk food. But my mom won't let me at home. On Wednesday we are dressing up as elves. The teachers are dressing up as Santa and Mrs Claus Can you

Mindela

Dear Santa, I want a hockey Set. Thank you for my hockey puck. How are the elves doing? How are you doing Santa? How are your reindeer doing? Thank you

four the hockey net. Than you four the remote control Zam bonie. I hope you have a good christmas and your elves too. Fly good in your sleigh I love you santa. I love your elves and the reindeer too. Last year I heard you on my roof. How could your Sleigh fly in the air and reindeer. **Brendan.**

Dear Santa, Thank you for that tractor that you gave me last year. This year I would like a tran twister. How are the elyes doing? I tried to be good. How is Mrs Claus doing? How cold is it? **love William**

Dear Santa, I want train twister for christmas How are the elves doing Santa are they doing good thank you if you get me a Present. I love you santa thank you santa Claus You are super Santa You are the best Do the elves really make toys?

love Michael

Dear Santa. How is everything going



PEACE ON EARTH

From:

Gord, Andy, Noeline, Dennise, Penny, Cari-Ann, Dec, Katrina and Stumpy

may you and your loved ones rejoice in the splendour of all his creations during this beautiful and wondrous season. we thank you kindly for your valued business.



Season's Greetings

As we get revved up for another holiday season, we're hoping yours runs smoothly all the way. It's been a pleasure serving you this past year.

Thanks, everyone!

Mike, Kathy & Staff at
Ron's Auto and Tire

335-8784



Christmas Blessings

May the miracle of Christmas be yours to cherish, filled with family and friends. We feel gifted that you place your trust in us. Have a Joyous Noel and Happy New Year!

From Management and Staff.

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NEIGHBORHOOD

BERGTHAL MENNONITE CHURCH

Christmas 2004

by Pastor Elwin Garland

More than 2,000 years ago there was a Man born contrary to the laws of nature. This Man lived in poverty and was reared in obscurity. He did not travel extensively abroad. Only once did He cross the boundary of the country in which He lived; that was during His exile in childhood.

He possessed neither wealth nor influence. His relatives were inconspicuous, save His cousin John, un-influential, and had neither training nor education. In infancy He startled a king; in childhood puzzled the doctors; in manhood He ruled the course of nature, walked upon billows as if pavements and hushed the sea to sleep.

He healed the multitudes without medicine, counseled the troubled, comforted the

lonely and disheartened and made no charge for His service.

He never wrote a book, yet all the libraries in the world could not hold the books that have been written about Him.

He never wrote a song, and yet He has furnished the theme for more songs than all the song writers combined. He never founded a college nor taught in a school, but all the schools put together can not boast of having as many students as He.

He never practised medicine, and yet He has performed more heart surgery than all the doctors far and near. He never marshaled an army, nor drafted a soldier; nor fired a gun, and yet no leader ever had more volunteers who have, under His orders, made more rebels stack arms and surrender without a shot being fired.

The names of the past proud statesman of Greece and Rome have come and gone; but the name of this Man abounds more and more. Though time has spread more than two thousand years between the people of this generation and the scene of His crucifixion ... He still lives! Herod, could not kill Him, Satan could not seduce Him, death could not destroy Him, and the grave could not hold Him.

He stands forth upon the highest pinnacle of heavenly glory, proclaimed of God, acknowledged by angels, adored by saints, feared by demons, as the living, personal

Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

He is reason why we celebrate this season. I would encourage you to not return Jesus to the closet or attic to collect dust until next year's Advent season and be taken out again to be put on display. Instead, continue to make Christ the focus of your daily life or to begin the New Year by doing so.

Blessings and best hopes for you and for those whom you love this Christmas season and in the New Year from Bergthal Mennonite Church.

Something to think about...

With the terrible tragedies hitting our area in the past few years, I thought this was a good reminder:

If I knew it would be the last time that I'd see you fall asleep

I would tuck you in tighter and pray the Lord your souls to keep.

If I knew it would be the last time that I see you walk out the door

I would give you a hug and kiss and call you back for one more.

If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise

I would video tape each action and word so I could play them back day after day.

If I knew it would be the last time, I could spare an extra minute or two

To stop and say I love you instead of assuming you would know I do.

If I knew it was the last time I would be there to share your day

Well, I'm sure you'll have so many more, so I can let just this one slip away.

For surely there's always tomorrow to make up for an oversight.

And we always get a second chance to make everything right.

There will always be another day to say our "I Love You's"

And certainly there's another chance to say our "Anything I can do's?"

But just in case I might be wrong and today is all I get

I'd like to say how much I love you and I hope we never forget

Tomorrow is not promised to anyone young or old alike

And today may be the last chance you get to hold your loved ones tight.

So if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today?

For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the day


That you didn't take that extra time for a smile, a hug, or a kiss

And you were too busy to grant someone what turned out to be their one last wish.

So always hold them dear, take time to say I'm sorry...Please forgive me..Thank You...or It's OK

And if tomorrow never comes you'll have no regrets about today.

submitted by Fran McAllister



CATCH THE SPIRIT!

As we count our blessings this holiday season, we're grateful that your friendship is among them.

Merry Christmas
Joanne & Staff

Curves
FOR WOMEN

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**JOY
LOVE
HOPE
PEACE
FAITH**

To the many volunteers, supporters and donors, the Didsbury & District Senior Support Services (Home Help) would like to thank you all for your kindness, thoughtfulness, and generosity. You all make this program possible. You are appreciated and are a blessing in so many ways. You are never forgotten. We hope that you too are benefitting from all that you give to others.

Christmas Blessings to All.

AWAY IN A MANGER


With sincere best wishes from our flock to yours this Christmas.

We hope to see you again in the new year.



**Joyce Bayfield
and Staff at**

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We'd like to thank our past and future clients for their patronage.

Sincere Best Wishes for the Holidays.

Rose & Staff at

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

May you and your family enjoy a happy and joyous holiday.

From Rick & Dena, Jon and Sam

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Wishing Everyone

The Staff of All Site Travel wish each and everyone a safe and most enjoyable Festive Season

Les, Sue & Linda
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NEIGHBORHOOD




Westglen Christmas Dinner

Many members of the community were present at this year's Westglen Turkey Dinner. Students and staff were found greeting visitors and serving lunch. Santa was on site taking wishes from students.

-photos by Tamara Collins





PEACE

ON

EARTH

May the peace
that passes understanding
begin in each heart
and encompass the whole
world at Christmas.


Our wish for you is peace
and happiness the
whole year through.

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Sending You Warm Wishes!

We want to express our sincere appreciation for your loyalty and patronage throughout this past year.


To all of our friends and neighbors, we wish you a wonderful holiday season, filled with much happiness and love.

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"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

-Luke 2:14

May Christmas Joy fill your hearts and home this holiday season.

Your friends at
DIDSBURY DRUGS
home of the
Preferred Savings Club

Happy Holidays

With gratitude, we extend our best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.

Your business is always appreciated.
We look forward to seeing you in 2005

Miles & Dee Irewin.

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NEIGHBORHOOD

CREMONA GOLD AND SILVER

Live your life like a snowflake - leave a mark but not a stain

by Lita Reid

On December 2nd the Cremona Gold and Silver held their monthly Pot Luck supper. President Alan Reid opened the meeting by thanking the ladies for their efforts in preparing a delicious meal. Secretary Lita Reid read a poem describing "Christmas" after which she read the minutes of the October meeting. Treasurer Marie Olson brought us up to date on our financial status.

Travel director Lila Robertson commented that there had been mixed reaction to the play we saw at Rosebud, so she phoned the Theatre staff commenting on this, hoping they would schedule more musicals in the future. She was also reminded to buy a block of tickets early for next March "Rodeo Royal." So those wishing to attend that function should contact Lila at 946-5227 or Romelda at 946-5216 to purchase tickets.

Cribbage evenings have been well attended, and Marlene Toner reminds us of the Crib Tournament scheduled for Saturday December 11th at 1 p.m. Enough people turn up to play two or three tables of Bridge each Wednesday. Carpet Bowling is going well, and Marie will draw up a new schedule for the new year.

Alan gave us a bit of history of one quilt and three quilt tops given to us by Alice Whitlow. They were made by Alice's mother Grace Coleman and her sister Beatrice Oliver. One quilt and one quilt top were made Centennial year 1967 with blocks made by people all across Canada. It was moved by Doug

Rodgers and seconded that the two Centennial quilts would hang in the museum. The other two quilt tops would be offered for sale on Saturday at Cremona's sale day.

A thank you note was signed by those present thanking the Woodman Lodge for the use of their basement room as additional space for the museum. A second thank you note was written to Stan Pearson gratefully acknowledging his generosity in buying the trophies for the Seniors Bonspiel for the past several years.

There was no correspondence.

We heartily thanked Marlene and Roy for their donation of a microwave oven for our kitchen. It has already been put to use.

Donna Kelly has requested help from our senior members to support a Centennial Project. The Library Board would like to publish a Cremona History Book, for they wish to record the wealth of knowledge our seniors have of the early days. We urge anyone with a story to tell to pick up their pens and record it for the future generations so it will not be lost.

The retiring Directors Dot Odell and Romelda Judd have been replaced by Doug Rodgers and Vair Reid. All other executive are remaining in place.

Doug Rodgers happily informed us that his sister Kathleen Parsons is making steady improvement in her quest for better health.

Lionel Bird adjourned the meeting. Live your life like a snowflake - leave a mark but not a stain.

Thank you for the goodwill
you've show toward us
this year.
Have a truly spectacular
Holiday Season!

Peace
on Earth



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Have a safe & happy holiday season



From Bill, Brenda, Norm, Roscoe & Wayne

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Christmas time is Here!

The sound of sleigh bells ringing, you know he's on his way!
Our jolly man appears at last, it must be Christmas Day!
To all of our good friends, have a wonderful holiday.

Gary, Barb & staff



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Warmest Wishes!

Jean, Paula, Corey and Staff

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patronage and look forward
to serving you during
the coming year

The First Christmas Tree

In 1510, Martin Luther, a founder of the Protestant faith, was walking through a Riga forest one evening.

He came upon a fir tree whose branches glistened in the light of the moon and stars. Impressed by its beauty, he chopped down a smaller tree and took it home for his children. To recreate the moonlight, he fixed candles to the branches. With that, the first decorated Christmas tree in history was born.

story by: Krista Jauris i Riga, Latvia

Everyone at For Trees
would like to thank all of
their customers in making
their 5th season successful.
We wish you a peaceful &
joyful holiday and all the
best in 2005

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